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The 134th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department

The Encampment opened at 9:32 a.m.

Commander Dexter Bishop: The Officers and Brothers of the 134th Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will come to order. Guide, check to ensure that all are entitled to remain, and the Color Bearer will assist on the right.

Guide Charles Lewis: Sir, I find all are entitled to remain.

Commander Dexter Bishop: The Secretary will call the roll.

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: Commander Dexter Bishop.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Present.

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: Senior Vice Commander Conley Ford.

Senior Vice Commander Conley Ford: Here.

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: Junior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers.

Junior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: Here.

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: Council Edward Norris.

Council Edward Norris: Here.

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: Council Kevin Tucker.

Council Kevin Tucker: Here.

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: Council George Maple.

Counsel George Maple: Here.

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray, present. Patriotic Instructor Albert Smith.

Patriotic Instructor Albert Smith: Here.

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: Chaplain Peter Preble.

Chaplain Peter Preble: Present.

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: Historian George Kane.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Absent.

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: Color Bearer Todd McGrath.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Absent.

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: Guide Charles Lewis.

Guide Charles Lewis: Here.

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: Counselor Kevin Tucker.

Counselor Kevin Tucker: Here.

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: Civil War Memorials Officer Reynaldo Rodriguez.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Absent.

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: Graves Registration Officer Stephen Twining.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Absent.

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: Eagle Scout Awards Officer Timothy Callahan.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Absent.

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: GAR Highway Officer George Maple.

GAR Highway Officer George Maple: Here.

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: Department Organizer Edward Norris.

Department Organizer Edward Norris: Here.

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: Signals Officer Jack Manning.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Absent.

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: Department Newsletter Editor Reynaldo Rodriguez.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Absent.

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: Sir, the roll is called.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Thank you. Brothers, upon what principles is our order founded and what duties do we inculcate?

All: Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Brothers, we meet again as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the Annual session to review the work of the past and to plan for the future. May our conduct and our deliberations be marked with mutual tolerance and fraternal courtesy ever keeping in mind our duty to our country, to our order and to ourselves. The Chaplain will invoke the divine blessing.

Chaplain Peter Preble: Our Heavenly Father, the high and mighty ruler of the universe, who looks down upon the government of men, we earnestly ask your favor to bless our native land and preserve in purity and integrity it's free institutions for all coming time. Bless our Order, grant that it may long exist and it may continue to be an instrument of great good to all. Give us willing hands and ready hearts to carry out properly its principles and objectives. Keep green in our minds the memory of those who sacrificed so much that the life of the nation might be

preserved and deal with them, as in all things, with your special mercy. Give us your aid in conducting the business for which we are assembled and so bless us that charity and justice, and peace and harmony shall remain and flow from us. Amen.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Brothers, we will now give the Pledge of Allegiance. Color Bearer, present the Colors.

All: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Since we are not going to have the National Anthem, unless someone would like to volunteer, by virtue of the authority invested in me I hereby declare the 134th Annual Encampment of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War duly open for the transaction of such business as may legally and properly come before it. The Guard will admit all visitors qualified to enter.
Guide, please escort National Senior Vice Commander Don Martin to the altar.
Officer of the National organization, on behalf of the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I extend to you a hearty welcome to our meeting. Charlie, will you escort our esteemed guest back to his seat. If anybody doesn't know this is Don Martin, he is the Senior Vice Commander, soon to be Commander-in-Chief at the National level.

All: Huzzah (applause).

Commander Dexter Bishop: I would like to appoint Perley Mellor as our Fraternal Relations person and at the appropriate time bring greetings. We will do reports of the Officers now and it will start with me.
This past year for myself has been a very exciting time as I have been learning what I don't know and there's an awful lot of it. So I would like to give a quick review of what the Department has participated in. Of course we will start in December with the big event of the year which was the returning of the flags and that was really a super, super success. And I have to say again, thank you to Kevin who was the guy who did the organization for the parade part and all of the other behind-the-scenes things that he did. It worked out very well. My part in this was working with the people at the Statehouse to get those front doors open. To those who may not realize the significance of that event, opening that front door is an event that only happens in three different ways. First being, we all recognize when the Governor is retiring and leaving the Statehouse for the last time they let him walk out and down those steps. The second time is if the President is to visit and goes into the Statehouse, they open that front door. The third thing is the returning of the regimental flags. It took close to a year of going to the Statehouse and talking and thinking it was all set only to find out there was another layer until we went through about five different layers of individuals and it was only about a month ahead of time that we were able to get the final Superintendent of the building to do this and then it went very, very smooth. If you weren't there, what you missed was a tremendous event. Seeing those flags come marching up through the Commons, flying in the breeze was breathtaking. When they got to the bottom of the stairs where will they actually reproduce what was done in 1865 between Governor Andrew and the Veterans. That went fantastic, with flags still flying in the wind, people from all around

standing watching what was going on. We had about 80 people in that parade, flags flying and all that stuff. As an example of how something was taken to be a very important event the 55th, the Massachusetts 55th flag was shipped from Washington, DC by the individual that was involved in the reenactment of the 55th. They shipped their flag up to us to have it marched in that parade. The 54th was in the lead with the 55th right next to it and everybody else fell in line behind them. It was a tremendous thing. Secretary Urena, he played the part of Governor Andrews and it was something that you really can't describe. You had to be there to see it to feel how the individual felt. Those that were in the parade when they went through that front door they stepped on a red carpet and all the flags that were carried were all the way on a red carpet all the way up into the hall into the Memorial Hall. No one else could walk on the red carpet. No one else could go in that front door. I was on the side of the team where we came down the steps to greet the group coming up but we had to come out the right-hand side door; they wouldn't let us out through the center door. We had to come up the center left door and go down that way and then come back in that way. So that is the importance that the protocol that the Statehouse puts on that door and coming and going within it. We had the privilege of doing that this past year so was really a tremendous event. Of course it didn't hurt that we hit the front page of the Boston Globe and had a few pictures there. It was good. Yes.

Council Kevin Tucker: There will be a flag presentation at lunch.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Very good. You will get to see it if you weren't there. That was one of the biggest events we did last year although we did participate down at Bourne National Cemetery, the rededication in July of the Adams Building up at the Chelsea Soldiers Home as a Department, this is all Department level things that we did. I guess the best way to look at it, in my opinion anyway, it was a very successful year from points of view of getting the Department out in public and enabling them to have an opportunity to see what it's all about. I know that when I was talking up in the hall at the Statehouse, we mentioned the GAR Hall in Lynn and that Monday following our talk there we had three people show up wanting to see the hall, who had interest. Since then they have been coming back in bringing stuff of memorabilia and stuff they think should be there. We had a good impact on the individuals who were there, there was a super crowd. Last year as far as I am concerned went well. We did the usual presentations to the Boy Scouts, to the Junior ROTC and in those types of programs went on and we participated in the big parade they had in Lynn, every two years they have a huge, huge veterans Parade. It is a very large parade; it probably takes over an hour to get everybody past the reviewing stand. They have all kinds of heavy equipment and marchers and what have you. The Department was there with a few of our flags, showing the different colors and things of that nature. That is my year in review, it was a great time and I've had a lot of fun. Again I just want to thank Kevin for all of the insight that he's been giving me and helping me to pull this thing off. Thank you. Conley's report is next.

Senior Vice Commander Conley Ford: Conley Ford, Senior Vice Commander, Department of Massachusetts. 2015 -2016. It was a very busy year as you can tell by the report our Commander just gave. Of course, also going to membership, the Officers, then they would be wise to make these things happen. So my year was very busy. The fact is just to be able to attend all of the

regular meetings at your local camp is very important and I made all of those. Secondly I participated in community activities in the town of Scituate Mass., Memorial Day and Veterans Day activities being part of that with other Veterans organizations. One in particular was the Legion and other veterans' organizations; we put down five hundred twenty five wreaths in the local Veterans Cemetery in Scituate, which we do every year. It is part of that Wreaths across America program. We raise the money for that, not only with the Sons but a lot of our Sons belong to the other veterans' organizations also. That is how we get involved with that. One thing that I really look forward to each year and my wife signs up each year is Remembrance Day in Gettysburg. That is always a really big hit. If none of you have ever attended Gettysburg with us be sure you sign up with us this coming November for that trip. The Hall of Flags is really an impressive thing; the return of the flags is just absolutely the cat's meow. It was really, really top shelf and I participated in that. Of course I could carry a flag but I didn't do all the hard work that went into it to make it happen. A really major effort was done by the Department of Massachusetts to make that happen. Second was on Lincoln Day; that is an event that the Department puts on every year. This year it was in Wakefield and it was really a splendid event again as it is every year that we have it. This year I was lucky enough to attend two of them, the Lincoln Day brunch in Wakefield as well as the Lincoln Day ceremony in Hingham is complemented with a parade and laying a wreath at Governor Andrews tomb. I did manage to make all of the Department Officers meetings which I really look forward to, and those are really well received and I encourage those who haven't been to a Department Officers meeting, come to our meeting. We would like to hear from you. It is usually a small group 8 to 10 of us. Usually we've been meeting at Bickford's next to Stoneham and I look forward to that. One of the things that I thoroughly, thoroughly enjoyed working on was initiative to host the National Encampment in 2018. Of course it changed, we tried to get 2017 but we ended up getting 2018. Now that was a lot of salesmanship and a lot of hard work went into that and I was just going along for the ride as I was on the committee and I thoroughly enjoyed that but we did secure that for 2018. There are a lot of things you get involved in as Senior Vice Commander where sometimes you are here to support the Commander in case he can't perform. He will call on you to step up and sometimes take his place. He called on me to install the officers in Scituate Camp 3188, so I did the installation of the Officers for 2015 through 16. That is my report and I will turn in a copy to the Secretary.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Thank you. Junior Vice.

Junior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: Stuart Chambers, Junior Vice Commander, Department of Massachusetts. I had the pleasure of getting two envelopes from National Junior Vice Commander Brother Day. I was able to get those into camps in Massachusetts and I also had a local gentleman from West Boylston give me a call at my house and got him settled in Camp 25 of Worcester. Due to work schedule and health issues, I wasn't able to participate as much as I hoped to, but being with a group, also known as the Shades of Grey, they are no longer part of the 12th Georgia, I think that Shades of Gray is more the color of our hair and beards at this point. My thanks to Kevin Tucker, he sent me a PDF of a form as Junior Vice Commander

as a way of contacting me and also instructing people as to what the Organization is all about and I appreciate his help in that. Through Shades of Gray, I was able to hand out those forms down at Rockland when we play down there. I was also in Sturbridge and passed them out there as well and also on that same day we went out and played in a place that people are pretty well known in this State and that is called the Springfield Armory. It is a national site and I was able to put applications there. Also before the weekend was over the person in charge at Springfield Armory asked that the band play at the memorial ceremony on May 30th. So it is quite an honor to be able to get involved with that, as well. As I said in blue, I'm in blue, not gray and no matter what position I'm in, through the Sons of Union Veterans I've always tried to spread the word and get applications and memberships. A gentleman who is not too well in our camp, Roy Henry has already said he is going to meet me down at Daniels Farm. They are holding an event down there, an encampment, and that is down in Blackstone. We will be setting up a table down there as well. And on that note I will pass the hat.

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: Daniel Murray, Department Secretary/Treasurer. I will give the Secretary's report first. All of the Department reports required by National last Encampment have been submitted on time. The General Lander Camp 5 has donated $500 to the Return of the Flags ceremony. The Department thanks them for that. Since the last Encampment two camps were suspended for failure to file their annual reports. Both camps have since been reinstated. Because two Camps have still not submitted the Form 22, which is the Installation report and the majority of the Camps have not submitted the required Camp roster with their Forms 22 Installation reports, so I am estimating the current strength of six Camps in the Department total. The estimate for the Department strength right now is 174 brothers. Those reports were due on February 5th ; reminders were sent out on March 4th and April 4th to remind the camps to submit the necessary paperwork. As of this date I have received the annual report from two Camps. The reports are due to Department by April 30th. We have until May 31st to get the Department report to National. If I don't have the Camp reports by mid-May the camps may have to be suspended. If the Department is late in its reports for five years in a row the Department is not allowed to seat delegates for one year at the National Encampment.
The Treasurer's report. There is currently $8284.63 in the checking account and $501 in the savings account. I kept the savings account opened; it was originally opened for the Return of the Flags and now I'm keeping it open for the 2018 National Encampment. The value of the CDs currently is $211,628.97 and the value of the Wells Fargo fund is $628,549.08. The annual income from the Wells Fargo account is $24,627 for this coming year. Total assets for the Department as of March 31st is $848,263.68 which is an increase of $11,410.79 over last year. I can read off the CDs if anyone would like, otherwise I will leave them up here for anyone to look at.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Council.

Council Edward Norris: Ed Norris, Department Council. The Council also consists of Brothers Kevin Tucker and George Maple. During the past year approved two items that were not in our budget; a memorial bench at the Dr. Benjamin Stevenson Memorial Plaza the cost of $2840.75. At the last Encampment there was a consensus that if the Department was not awarded the 2017

National Encampment the $3000 in the budget would be used towards the purchase of the memorial bench. The second was a cost overrun for flag fabrication, poles, stands, finials and graphics. This was for the Return of the Flags event. The final cost ran $3470.32 over our budget. We didn't anticipate nor did we know what the final cost was because there was a lot of corrections, design corrections, changes. Of course every time we did that it would cost us a little bit more. This was a very important event for the Department and we felt it was well worth the added expense. The Council met with the Department Secretary and reviewed the financial statements and also prepared the 2016 – 2017 budget. That will be submitted to the Encampment later on today. The final thing was Council member George Maple, his term is up for election because we have two-year terms for the Department Council. Kevin and I have one year left on our term. There's all. Three of us are submitting this is as the Council report.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Thank you. Chaplain.

Chaplain Peter Preble: Peter Preble, Department Chaplain, Department of Massachusetts. I had great plans for this year which sort of all fell apart when I moved. In my business if you want to make God laugh, make a plan and then things tend to get changed. I was able to accomplish a few things. I was asked by the Department Commander to represent him and the Department at a dedication, a plaque in the town of Sandwich. They added a memorial plaque in their Memorial Hall, the GAR Hall, I believe to Civil War veterans. It is a very impressive plaque they were able to find all of the names of the veterans and so they dedicated the plaque. I thought I was just going to be there to represent the Department but it turned out that I was actually speaker, which the commander neglected to tell me when I agreed to do it. Luckily the organizer had emailed me and said by the way you are also the speaker so I cobbled something together. I did make a couple of Camp visits which was part of the plan. The Commander mentioned the Return of the Flag ceremony and I was honored to participate in that; to stand at the top step outside the front door of this Statehouse and have that view. In fact I remarked to somebody that I'll probably never get this view again unless I run for and get elected Governor, which I have no plans to do. The front door was an interesting experience as we came up the stairs behind the flags, I mean literally we were blocked from going in that door. As the last flag entered the front door someone from the Park police stood right in front of the door to make sure we did not go in. So we had to go around the side which was a little interesting to have that happen. It was an honor to be there and to see those flags come across the common and I was impressed with the number of people who came for a weekday just before Christmas, that we were able to have that number of reenactors there to carry flags. It gave me an excuse to have a suit made, a 19th century suit made, which I am thinking I should have won here today, but I didn't. A part of the job of the Department Chaplain is to maintain the necrology or list of those who have died. So you can send me, or maybe through the Department Secretary, the names, I do get some from time to time, a list of members who have died. We are actually supposed to submit that to the National Chaplain, so maybe work on that. Maybe we could have better communication, if I am asked to continue on in this job, next year with the Camp Chaplains to see if we can make this happen. On a personal note thanks to Chip for providing me a marker that I was actually able to put at my Civil War ancestors grave. The grave had no marker there at all ever so I was able to sneak into the cemetery and mark it and flag it. I haven't been back so I hope it's still there but I will go

back soon to check on it. So that is my report and I have a copy to submit to the Department Secretary. Thank you.

Patriotic Instructor Albert Smith: Al Smith, Department Patriotic Instructor. I just want to reiterate some of the previous items concerning the work of the SUV when it comes to preservation and education. For those of you who missed the Return of the Flags that was put together by Kevin, you missed one heck of a show. It truly was a great, great show. Approximately eighty SUV members marched from the Common up to the Statehouse with police protection while they crossed the Beacon Street which was quite a chore in itself. To be involved in the ceremony inside the Statehouse was to be remembered. Other things that as SUV members we can be proud of was the work that's being done by various members of the Camps when it comes to the Lynn school system. Bringing forth to those students, not just a few but hundreds of students of the Lynn school system to bring to them the history of the Civil War with various reenactors, General Grant, President Lincoln, Mrs. Grant, Frederick Douglas, over the years has been a huge success. The mayor of Lynn loves us for what we do for those students. I was also very proud to participate in the remembrance ceremony which was held up in the cemetery in Lowell, General Ben Butler. As far as the other reports which have been submitted to me, I have received two reports, one from Camp 15 and one from Camp 104. The one from Camp 25 is forthcoming today. The Commander will be giving that to me. I'm still missing Camp 26, Camp 50, Camp 61 and I will be sending them a letter reminding them to submit their reports. There are two camps that have no Patriotic Instructors at all, Camp 22 and Camp 132 and I will be seeking advice as to how to handle that particular situation. As Patriotic Instructor things are going well and I look forward to a great and successful year with the Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Thank you. GAR Highway Officer.

GAR Highway Officer George Maple: This year I drove back and forth and saw about 15 to 17 signs on both Route 6 east and west. They are in various conditions; some look like they were just put up there and others are pretty faded away. A few other points that I noticed were that in Fairhaven there is no GAR Highway sign. I think this was mentioned by a previous GAR Highway Officer that it only has a marker for a Firefighters Memorial Highway. In Yarmouth they have both a GAR Highway sign and a Korean War Veteran Memorial Highway sign. I believe that is in both directions. Near Brewster there is actually an opportunity if we can afford it for a sponsorship of the highway. I didn't see anything on there, just a blank sponsorship sign. We might just want to look into how much that might cost the Department for sponsoring a section of the GAR Highway. I couldn't tell, it looked like mostly, it wasn't a matter of how many miles in between the markers, as I think each town had a marker, or most towns had a marker. Signage on Route 6 is overall lacking, but the end of Route 6 W., no the ending and the beginning markers are in very good condition at the end of the highway at least.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Conley

Senior Vice Commander Conley Ford: Do we have a contact with the State who we can talk to about the replacement signs? Also, the second part of my question is the adopting a highway is it for cleaning the highway and what that program will cost us.

GAR Highway Officer George Maple: There is a link on the Department of Transportation for cleaning the highway for the sponsorship anyways. There's a difference from what I was briefly looking at, I think there's a difference between the sponsor and the adopting of a highway. That is two separate programs, just paying a fee your name will get on the sign but someone else will be doing the cleaning. It's just a matter of finding out how much that would be. The adopt you would have to be a little more active. Judging by the turnout today I don't think we really have enough to clean up a two-mile stretch of the highway every couple of weeks. I'm guessing that the Department of Transportation would also give place to start for sign replacement.

Council Edward Norris: Do we have a cost for the sponsorship?

GAR Highway Officer George Maple: No, you would have to submit that with the next GAR Highway Officer whomever it is. I will be happy to continue on this, if I am appointed for next year. Thank you

Commander Dexter Bishop: The Department Organizer.

Department Organizer Edward Norris: Commander, I have nothing to report.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Thank you. Counselor.

Counselor Kevin Tucker: There have been no questions brought to the counselor, so I have nothing to report.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Thank you. We do not have our ROTC Officer here. I am just going to, because I did most of the awards last yea,r just give a brief report. We presented medals to young fellows at Lexington, Bedford, Lowell, Quincy, and I can't remember where else. There were five or six total, also Charlestown, that we presented. I just want to make this particular point on the Charlestown one. I went there, I made the presentation but it opened the door for me to talk to them about doing programs in the high school. The Principal was very receptive and turned me over to the head of the History Department. She was very receptive and we are having the 16th President give a presentation this May, on May 10th at the school. But what that is doing is opening up all of Boston because Charlestown is part of Boston. So, we are now not only working in Lynn but we will soon be working in Boston school systems. It just comes from being there, talking to the right guys and having them be a little receptive and then exploiting it. Now they are looking for us to bring in our friend Frederick Douglas from Kentucky and they would like to do that for a Boston wide presentation. So that might come up next year. These types of programs, going into the Boy Scouts and giving those awards, they can all have great effect to help us become more and more known in the community. I think that is very important to what we are working on. Yes, Kevin.

Council Kevin Tucker: Commander, could you elaborate on what programs you do in Lynn as far as the teachers and schools are considered?

Commander Dexter Bishop: We have been, for the last five or six years, having a training program. The training program is one where between 25 and 40, depending upon the subject, teachers come to the GAR Hall in Lynn on a Saturday morning and spend about six hours with us in training on various subjects of the Civil War. Whether it's a particular time where we are talking about that particular battle or a particular social issue or economic issue. We bring in various Professors from the colleges around who make these presentations to these teachers. For that they receive continuing education credits for their certification as teachers. Then they come down to the Commons and spend the day on the Commons when we do the living history on the Commons at the end of the month. This year it will actually be June 5th that we will be on the Commons. A great bean supper, by the way, cooked by Kevin; he has become quite well known in the city. We will at that time, because we also sponsor a history bee, we give a $500 bounty to the winning History Department to spend on anything they wish within the History Department. Lynn English and Lynn Classical are the high schools participating this year. We hope to include St. Mary's and Lynn Vocational Tech in that History bee and that way they will be together and round their way through areas of questions that cover the history of the city of Lynn and the history of the Civil War. All of the questions are written by a retired History teacher who was the head of the department at Lynn English. We named the history bee after her, because she comes up with all of the necessary questions each year that we need to ask. Then the Mayor at the bean supper takes and makes the presentation to the high school officials that come to the bean supper. It's a great time for everyone involved. It is also designed to make sure that we have people coming into our GAR Hall there in Lynn. That is what we do there. During the week we have kids presentations in various classrooms; that's elementary school level, middle school and high school. If anybody would like to volunteer to make a presentation I am always looking for people. Come see me if you wish to volunteer. That is the reason on the ROTC and is the same thing with the issue of the Boys Scout award. These programs are very, very important because it can lead to a lot of good information getting into the schools. It gives us a much better hook, so I encourage all of you to get involved in doing those kinds of programs in all of your Camps. Thank you

Do we have any communications?

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: Daniel Murray, Secretary. Well, the only two communications I have received are for two people running for office at the National level. One is Jonathan C Davis, PDC and he is running for National Secretary. The other one is Bruce Frail and he is running for a position on the Council. Here are the letters of intent and their resumes if anyone would care to read them. It will make for a long read. I think Jonathan Davis was appointed to Secretary this year. Alan Russ is stepping down on April 16th and Jonathan Davis has been appointed to fill the position until August. The letters of intent and resumes will be here through lunch if anyone would care to read them.

National Senior Vice Commander Donald Martin: They are also on the National website along with other people who are running for office.

Commander Dexter Bishop: We'll take a break for 10 minutes.

Recess

Commander Dexter Bishop: Do we have any Camp Reports starting with Camp 5? We don't have anyone.

Council Kevin Tucker: You can do the report for Camp 5 since you are up there.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Okay. I am the Chaplin for Camp 5 and my name is Dexter Bishop. Camp 5 has been meeting on a regular basis on the second Monday of every month. We have been doing a lot of the work that we have already talked about as far as having the arms and legs to accomplish the work for our 150th anniversary for the various programs that we do in Lynn. Camp 5 is sort of the base Camp for a lot of these items we are working on. We've kept our Commander, Paul Kenworthy, who is helpful in many areas, especially the reenactment field because he's the Colonel in charge of the New England Brigade; I believe that is what they call themselves. He's a good man in all areas. Other than that it's just the usual Camp business and we do the best we can. Thank you.
Do we have anybody hear from Camp 15? Nobody. Camp 22?

Brother Charles Lewis: Good morning to everyone and I'm glad to see some faces that I saw last year and at Gettysburg, and of course Richmond. My name is Charles Lewis and I am the Camp Commander of Camp 22 at the Chelsea Soldiers Home. For this past year, especially 2015 was to me a very successful year. We had the rededication of the John J B Adams building in which many of you in this room participated. I had a lot of comments from the guys as well as from our Commander, Commandant Cheryl Poppe of the Chelsea Soldiers Home. She always gives us unlimited cooperation. As the Camp Commander at the Chelsea Soldiers' Home I look forward to meeting every month with Dexter Bishop and sometimes Michael or whoever comes with him. We meet in the recreation room and we show DVDs of different battles. Dexter and I sometimes narrated; explained the generals who fought those battles so forth and so on. Some of the employees look forward to that also. However I do have a few frustrations because most of my guys, for example a Brother Albert Rosenstein, he just became a member and passed away. I do have some optimism in that I have three potential new members that I am going to hope to swear in this coming month. Aside from that I really enjoy being Camp Commander and I enjoy participating in the events, for example the ceremony in Lowell last September. It was a great learning experience for me, I didn't realize that Massachusetts, especially the city of Lynn participated greatly in the Civil War. The trip to Richmond Virginia, oh my God, I couldn't believe the Crater that I had gone to thanks to Kevin Tucker. I am looking forward to going to Springfield Illinois. It will be a great learning experience for me. But the main objective in goal is to acquire more members. Thank you gentlemen very much.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Camp 25.

Brother John Dupre: Good morning and I am John Dupre Secretary/Treasurer of Camp 25 reporting on behalf of Maurice Healy. Camp 25 has moved its meeting place from, I can't remember the road, but it's moved its meeting place to Veterans Inc. in Worcester. It is the old National Guard Armory, a beautiful building, beautiful room; it is called the Civil War room that we usually use. Our membership, we have gained six and lost three as of our April 27th report.

That very night we gained another so we have a total of thirty-five active dues paying members. As usual the Camp has participated in Worcester's Water Ceremony honoring the dead of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Revenue Cutter Service lost at sea or on the water. We participated in the flagging of Hope Cemetery prior to the Memorial Day observances. On Memorial Day several Brothers participated as a Color Guard and one read General Logan's General Order Number 11 as part of the city's participation in ceremonies there. We also conducted individual ceremonies at the graves of Sergeant Major Charles H Pinkham and Sergeant Thomas Plunkett at Hope Cemetery and at the grave of our namesake, Lieutenant John William Grout and of General George H Ward in Rural Cemetery Worcester. Our Brother and Past Commander George Maple has been appointed to the GAR Board in the city of Worcester. Brothers presented five Eagle Scout Awards and two ROTC awards. We also purchased a memorial brick for the Dr. Benjamin Stephenson Memorial. Coming up the city of Worcester is going to rededicate its Civil War Memorial near City Hall. We intend to have participation in that. Thank you.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Camp 26? Nobody. Camp 50? Nobody. Camp 61? Nobody. Camp 104?

Brother Bill Naughton: I am Bill Naughton, Camp Commander of 104. We've had a fairly busy year, considering we are a fairly small Camp. We have had memorial services for Past Department Commander Frank Tucker, we've conducted a memorial service for Charles H Bond for whom the Camp is named; he is buried in Mt. Auburn Cemetery. We participated in the rededication of the Civil War Memorial in Amesbury at the cemetery there. We had an information recruiting table at Wakefield Heritage Day at the end of September. We spent one of the longest days of our lives there. We flagged 267 graves of Civil War veterans for Memorial Day last year in the three Wakefield cemeteries. We registered a total of 341 Civil War veterans on the Sons database. We updated the Camp bylaws, canvased cemeteries in Beverly and Byfield among other places in search of graves of potential Civil War veterans to register with the database. Members attended and participated in various Department and National events and we've mourned the death of Brother George Rutter late last May. So we are down three members, they are dual members who transferred to other Camps. This is one of the nicest things that happened. We had a new member join, we just inducted him last month and he is under 30. He dropped the average age of the Camp considerably. Thank you.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Camp 132? No one. Camp 3188?

Senior Vice Commander Conley Ford: Conley Ford, Camp 3188, Scituate, Mass. The conversation continues in our Camp on membership. This is getting to be a very serious issue with Camp 3188. Our members appear to have lost interest, have moved out of the area, or have passed on to greater heights. Three of those members happen to be my blood brothers, Joseph Howard Ford and Judge Richard Ray Ford; I lost them in the last three months. They were charter members in our organization. But more importantly this thing on membership, as an organization and being involved with other organizations within the town from the Rotary, to the Lions Club, the American Legion, the VFW, several different community organizations. They are all struggling with the same problem - membership. Being involved with these other organizations we all have something very much in common, we need more bodies or more

people to be interested in volunteerism. We've pushed for the idea to have a summit within our town of all the nonprofit, all of the volunteer organizations, veterans organizations, search groups, senior citizens, Knights of Columbus, the Rotary, the Lions Club, the Sons of Union Veterans. To get together with the principal leaders of those organizations and what can we do to attract people to get interested in volunteering again. Of course this conversation has been going on for months and months and hopefully within the next couple of months this year we can get that summit together and start getting all of the organizations within the town itself. There are people out there who want to volunteer and how do we attract them to these organizations. Once you lose an organization, right now little history of the Lions Club. I am a member of the Marshfield Lions Club for something like 18 years and our membership dropped off to about eight or nine members that were active. We had to do something so we figured why don't we re-charter the towns contiguous to Marshfield. So we brought in other towns and re-chartered as the North River Lions Club; they gave us a bigger base, more towns to go out and solicit funds and programs. It seems like that is not even working out for us. We're at the point right now that we are going to be turning our charter back in. This is an organization which in its heyday raised well over $100,000 a year. We did the fireworks and stuff like that each Fourth of July, at the county fair, great programs we've totally lost because we are dying out. If we don't do something and attract more volunteers, to get people to be part of us, we're in serious trouble and our days are numbered. We could consolidate with another town but we're not sure if that's what it takes. Hopefully enough heads will get together and in working with other organizations maybe we can find out what it takes to attract people to an organization. Maybe the program we are offering now does not fit their schedule but anyways this is a serious conversation we're having at the Camp level now for 3188. Do we have to go more technologically and do things like podcast or stuff like that or more advertising. We are going to work that issue locally and hopefully something will come out of this joint summit meeting with all the other organizations that are having a problem with membership. Maybe we can come up with some kind of solution how best to approach attracting more new members. That's all I have to say today so thank you.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Unfinished business? Bench.

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: Last Encampment we appropriated the money, $3000 in case we received the 2017 National Encampment. If we didn't receive the 2017 Encampment we were to buy a memorial bench at the Stevenson Memorial outside of Springfield Illinois, Petersburg Illinois. We didn't get the 2017 Encampment so therefore we bought the bench for $2500. The Department bought it.

Commander Dexter Bishop: And what does it say on it?

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: I don't remember what the wording was on the form. I wrote the check and submitted the form. Maybe someone when they go to Springfield will come back and tell us what it says. I don't have a copy of it. It did not mention body parts.

Commander Dexter Bishop: We have the committee, the 2017 committee that was formed last year to prepare for and see if we can get the National Encampment here for 2017. Which as we know did not happen. We got the National Encampment for 2018. I have appointed a new

committee which is basically made up of the same individuals that were on the 2017 committee. We have started to have our meeting for that. Kevin is running pretty close to how we are doing this because of his work at the National level now. He has put together a great book. Do you want to make any comments about what is happening, what you know?

Council Kevin Tucker: You should probably tell them where it is going to be held and that kind of thing since you are the Chairman.

Commander Dexter Bishop: I will, but I just wanted to know if you wanted to do it. It is going to be held at the Sheraton up there on the Mass. Pike on Route 9, the one that looks like a castle. It looks pretty good from what we can see and I think we are going to be very happy and I think when the National people come in they are going to be happy with what is going to be there. I know the hotel is really looking forward to having us come. They seem to be ready to roll out the red carpet. You want to add anything Kevin?

Council Kevin Tucker: Just that we know from experience an Encampment can be a very difficult thing to put on. It takes a lot of work, a lot of hours and we will be looking to our membership to help out. All of you could be asked to volunteer to help with the running of the event, to drive people to, the logistics of running the Encampment. I know if you haven't been to a National Encampment this is the one to go to because it is in your neighborhood. You don't have to spend any airfare, just drive to Framingham. It is right off the Mass Pike. If you haven't seen it, National Encampment will be astounded how well it is done. The history and the procedures, the formal side of the Sons of Union Veterans, well worth it and of course we are all friends and we like each other so you, I think, you'll find the same thing with people from all over the country. We are all kindred spirits, we are all brothers, and there are a lot of wonderful people from across the country that a lot of us don't get to see. We have a lot of work to do, we only have two years to do it and we will be putting that together. One of the things that we may try to do for the first time is, you know there is a tour on Thursday of the Encampment. We may try to get people out on boats in Boston harbor and get over to George's Island. That would be a first for Sons as far as I know. We've always taken a bus tour or whatever so this will be a great one. We've got some of the things planned, we are working out the details now, but we've done this before. We did a great one in 2008, we are going to do a great one in 2018. We look forward to all of you participating and enjoying the National Encampment.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Thank you.

Council Edward Norris: May I just say one thing.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Yes.

Council Edward Norris: Barring any surprises, Brother Mark Day will be presiding over that Encampment.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Thank you. I might say that I am kind of prejudiced on the side but I am pushing to get some sort of a tour to the Lynn GAR Hall. One way or another. Whether we take the boat from George's Island, then land and pick up a bus there and come back but I don't know yet. We will work those details out.

Unknown: Do any of those boats go from Lynn Harbor to George's Island?

Commander Dexter Bishop: Yes.

Council Kevin Tucker: It's a little tough. The issue is, the issue from leaving from Lynn is you have a limited window of time to hold the tour. Where we are an hour out of Boston, not quite an hour but we are a ways from Boston in Framingham. Some of that time, the use of taking the bus into Boston and then taking the boat to George's Island, doing the tour, maybe a lunch, the boat back and then the bus back. Trying to go to Lynn is even further away so you add another hour and a half to that. If we can keep it down to six hours it would be good, but I don't think Lynn will be possible that way. Maybe we could do a separate tour for Lynn. One of the things we looked at actually was the Springfield Armory. It would be possible to do a Sunday tour to the Springfield Armory, so it's possible to do a Sunday tour to Lynn. We will work that out. We still have two years and we are still in the planning phases of it, we just have to make it really good.

Commander Dexter Bishop: I'm going to let you in on something, I have gone to the State, our State Senator and he has agreed to do this. One of the things we don't have is an elevator and the first stairs you hit when you come in the hall is 22 stairs long up to the second floor and you have another 22 stairs going up the rest of the way. We are looking to get an elevator to have confirmation now that they will put into the state budget $1 million for putting in an elevator and certain other work to be done on the hall. Now whether or not it gets through the process is anybody's guess. They're willing to do that in the Lynn delegation is for it. I kind of pushed that particular point that we have a National Encampment coming, and it would be very nice to have an elevator that the people can come and see it and so on and so forth. I hope we can find a way to set that up. Thank you.
Do we have any new business?

Council Kevin Tucker: For new business, as you know the sesquicentennial of the Civil War is over, however we have one more sesquicentennial and that is for the GAR. It was our parent organization and one of the most powerful political organizations in the country after the Civil War. This year we wanted to plan something extraordinary to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic. We are trying to put together a formal dinner. We have a couple of possibilities, we've been looking at some hotels in Boston and we want to make it a large event. Very formal, we want to invite other veterans organizations to participate and try to make it as big as we can. Dexter, any word from the Hall?

Commander Dexter Bishop: There is a good possibility.

Council Kevin Tucker: One of the things we wanted to try to do if we had our choice is to have it at the Lynn GAR Hall. I don't know how many of you have been to the Lynn GAR Hall but it is the finest GAR Hall in the country. It looks like those men walked out of it yesterday. It's beautiful furniture, 1200 or 1300 photographs on the wall of every member, beautiful chandeliers and the altar is the capstan from the USS Kearsarge. It is an amazing place to be. We were looking at having it there. It has never been done before and they may not let us do it because it is a museum, then you are more or less sitting in the middle of the display. Dexter has been working on trying to get that. That may take some facilities management a little bit to get that

Graves Registration Officer who orders these doesn't look like he submitted the bill before March 31. It is noted that there is a bill outstanding right now. So last year we didn't spend anything but for this year we're going to be on the hook for whatever bill he has in his hand. We kind of really have to have the $1500 in the line item. Let me clarify. There will be one purchase of flag holders and that has already been made so the flag holder he has in hand are for the budget we are looking at right now. There won't be any additional flag holders, just the ones he has ordered and just received that came after March 31.
Good of the Order expenses: I will go through them line by line. Chelsea Soldiers Home, that is the monthly program that we have there, the dues of the members at the Chelsea Soldiers Home, and the Christmas party we had every year that is $2500 and Dexter sure does a great job of spending all that money right down to the last penny. So we recommend that we keep that at $2500.
Eagle Scout award we put aside $300; we spent $185.88 and we recommend that we keep it at $300. We have some years we spend more than that so we would want to exclude any Scout because we ran out of funds.
New England Regional Association hosting, we didn't spend anything. I think the meeting didn't happen or was canceled. We recommend that we keep the same at $200 for this coming year.
Other Good of the Order expenses of $200, just things that come up that we might need to purchase for Good of the Order for ceremonies, that kind of thing.
Recruitment we put aside $500 but we don't generally spend that. We did have quite a discussion about it in the Council and felt that the $500 should remain there to be used as recruiting materials, programs, memberships, whatever we needed to do to move recruiting along.
Obviously we got the report from the secretary that we are down to 174 members and that's the lowest since I've been in the Sons of Union Veterans; it's a problem. Most of us have family, and that family can join the organization the same way that we did so what I recommend that you do is go back to Camps, talk to people and try to get them to bring one member in. If each person brought one member in it would double our membership. We are falling to a state that we don't want to be in. We don't want to fall away like this; we've always been at about 200 members and we're down twenty-five members and we are down 1/8. Anyways, our numbers are real low so whatever all of us can do, do it and I'm going to force my brother; I'm going to twist his arm to make him rejoin. My brother was a commander for New Hampshire at one point.
Research Genealogy this is again, this really goes to recruiting. Being able to look up someone's genealogy is important to get them into the organization. It gives us a hook to get them in so we have an account and we put $200 aside for that. The Council recommends doing that again.
ROTC awards, so with all of the ROTC awards are given, out it looks like we won't have to buy much.

Council Edward Norris: I am going to recommend that we drop this to $50 and let me explain the reason why. At the National Organization the ROTC award is now free of charge. So you can go on to the website, fill out the information and they've just appointed an Assistant Quartermaster just to handle our ROTC awards. They will send you the ROTC award and the certificate and there is no charge. The $50 is in case it comes to us and we have to mail. It can be shipped directly to the ROTC unit that is awarding it. That is a new change and I make a motion that we drop that down to $50; it helps on the budget where we added the $250 back in.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Do I have a second?

Unknown: I will second

Commander Dexter Bishop: It is seconded, is there any further discussion? I do have a question. Does that mean the various ROTC units can go online themselves?

Council Edward Norris: Yes, they could. The one thing you cannot do is to go in and order supplies of 25 or so. You need to have the name of who is going to receive it.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Because a lot of times we don't know that until a week or 10 days before.

Council Edward Norris: A General Order just came out and they're not going to ship you one unless you have the name of the recipient. It is a new policy. The General Order just came out a couple of days ago.

Commander Dexter Bishop: I just saw and I questioned that particular aspect. Now when you do that, does it get shipped to the organization or does is it come to us?

Council Edward Norris: It can be shipped to the address you designate. If we don't have representation to present it, it can be shipped to the ROTC unit and they can give it to the recipient. We have a new Assistant Quartermaster who just handles those things and expedites to get them out.

Commander Dexter Bishop: All those who agree signify by saying aye? Opposed? Abstain? So carried.

Council Kevin Tucker: All right, so the Good of the Order expenses are reduced by $150 from the $4350; figure should be $4200.
Stone placement, we generally keep it at $250. We haven't used it ever but we've had this discussion in the past. We want to leave those funds in there in case it comes up so we recommend leaving it at $250.

Council George Maple: George Maple Past Department Commander, Council member. One other thing for the Good of the Order. At an Officers Meeting one of the things that was brought up during discussion was starting a podcast for the Department. I did a little looking around; I didn't find a podcast for any fraternal organization, Sons of the American Revolution, us or anyone else. I looked into what it would cost for us to start something like that and it is actually not all that expensive. A microphone just over $100. We can't use our current website for the media posting. Most websites, most web hosts will not be doing, it is a separate entity, doing the two different things. We can combine them at a later date once our contract with the current web hosts……

Council Kevin Tucker: A question for Brother Maple, can you explain to those who may not know what a podcast is, what exactly a podcast is.

Council George Maple: A podcast can be any length; it can be audio or video and we're looking at an audio one at this point. You could submit to iTunes and it could be a monthly or however

often you want to separate files to it. People subscribe to it through, well, iTunes is the big one but there are other ones out there. They are recordings that you would put out there, but we could do an interview with the delegates after National Encampment on their experiences out there. We're figuring on trying to pry information out of Dexter on the GAR Hall, I know how difficult that might be, and different historical things. The Civil War history that we can post out there, our best option would probably be to try and promote the good things of the organization out there and try to get more people to join. We can submit the blogs or the podcasts to other historical sites.

Unknown: So what is a motion for the dollar amount?

Council George Maple: The microphone with a two-year package, is what Amazon calls it, would be hundred… $120 plus tax. The media posting site is five dollars a month. So I figure $200 would cover it for this first year and once we can line up with the Department web hosting package we can transfer our website to a media hosting site. That will not take that much more storage space and we would save money on that after that. We could package in the domain name registration as well. We would look into that once our current contract runs out with what we have. I am making a motion that we have a line item for $200 to purchase podcast equipment and intermediate website hosting contract.

Unknown: I'll second.

Commander Dexter Bishop: A motion has been made and seconded. Do we have any further discussion?

Senior Vice Commander Conley Ford: Conley Ford, Senior Vice Commander, Department of Massachusetts. The podcast is exactly the tool we need as a Department. Nationally we need it and we need it at the Camp level. This is a tool, the technology that we need to attract new members to our organization. Just think with the National Encampment going on here in 2018, a podcast of the Lynn Hall with maybe a five or ten minute podcast on visiting the Lynn GAR Hall, George's Island, our program, our agenda that we have coming up at Encampment where we can get it out nationwide. The good things that we have planned and the good things we are actually doing. We can actually get this to help preserve and perpetuate and educate people. Now the meeting that we have today we can't depend on the newspapers or magazines to get the word out. We need to be in real time. You could have a podcast, this meeting right here could be podcast edited and put right out to our entire membership in the Department and all of the other Camps, so they could be part of this meeting today with a simple podcast. Having this type of technology and open the lines up to attract younger members, they are pretty much savvy on this stuff. Now they want recognition, this will give instant recognition and to get it out on the airways for people to see. I strongly support this and I think it is a need, now that the monies have been appropriated, we as a Department should be promoting it to our Camps. This should be an issue to be brought up at National. This is the way to make headway in getting the word out it would be one heck of a recruitment tool to have. Thank you

Commander Dexter Bishop: Thank you.

Chaplain Peter Preble: Peter Preble, Department Chaplain. I would just throw out there that I will volunteer. I have been involved in this medium for about five years. I just recently suspended my own program that had close to a half million downloads over a period of time. I don't believe your number is high enough for what you need. As far as equipment goes I have equipment. I can volunteer to work on it with you, but if we want this to be what I think we want it to be, there is some money that should be set aside for editing of these things. It's not as easy as it sounds. A one half hour program can take up to upwards of three hours to edit if it is done correctly. You're going to want good introduction stuff; you're going to want good exit stuff. There is a lot of little hidden sort of things that are involved in there. You are probably looking at more. Well, you don't have to buy equipment, maybe a $3-$500 rate to do this. But the payoff is a lot larger on this. The advertising part of it, getting on iTunes, that is all free. It is all the stuff you don't see the cost, initial money up front, so I would advocate more money not less.

Council Kevin Tucker: Would you make a friendly amendment?

Chaplain Peter Preble: Yes, I would. I would venture to say, I would go as high as $500, not that we would spend that much but it gives you a little cushion to get done what should be done.

Council Kevin Tucker: The friendly amendment is from $200 to $500.

Council George Maple: I would accept that friendly amendment and any assistance from the Chaplain.

Commander Dexter Bishop: So we are adding $300 to this? Any other comments?

Patriotic Instructor Albert Smith: Al Smith, Patriotic Instructor. Freely admitting that I am not a computer whiz, my question is whose responsibility would it be to run this? If we can get it going and we can do it at the National level in 2018 we would then have a track record to show the National.

Commander Dexter Bishop: That would be up to them. We don't have anything to do with National. We're just here at the Department level.

Patriotic Instructor Albert Smith: Whose responsibility would it be to be running the program.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Yes, George.

Council George Maple: It would be whoever the Department Commander appoints.

Commander Dexter Bishop: And I am appointing George and Peter.

Patriotic instructor Albert Smith: Thank you very much.

Commander Dexter Bishop: So we have a motion on the floor to our line item for $500 to the budget. Am I correct?

Council George Maple: Yes, correct.

Commander Dexter Bishop: All those in favor of the new item and $500 raise your hand. Unanimous and it passes. Do you want to continue or do you want to suspend this?

Council Kevin Tucker: No , we are almost done, we're to the bottom. I just want to mention that there will be a quiz afterwards on what a podcast is so, I hope you guys were paying attention. The nice thing about it is it is like a TV show you can go get or a radio show you can go get. It will always be on the Internet; people can download it. You heard Peter say "Can you imagine if we had one half-million people subscribing to the Sons of Union Veterans podcast?" That would be astounding compared what we have now. All right, let's continue.
Lincoln Brunch expense to put aside $500; we spent $164.65. We had the privilege of having an author at the Lincoln brunch, actually it's the first Lincoln brunch we've had in three years because the last two were snowed out. We had an author who wouldn't accept an honorarium. So it was a lot cheaper this year. We believe the $500 should be kept in the budget the way it is.
National Encampment Delegate travel $2700 last year was spent, almost 2000 of that and this year it is in Springfield, Illinois and we believe it should be kept the same for the Delegates traveling to the National Convention in Springfield.
Remembrance Day trip… last year we set aside $2500, spent almost all of that, I'm not sure why Dan did not spend the last eight cents but we have been informed that the price on the bus company we have been using was acquired by a larger bus company and as a result the price went up. We are looking at a higher bus price which of course makes the whole trip cost more and we are recommending an increase of $500. So the total for this year's trip will be $3000.

Unknown: How much of an increase to the price of the bus?

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: Yes, about $2000. The old company got bought out. The new company increased the price.

Council Kevin Tucker: The real thing is obviously that Dan has been contracting the bus company and he found one that was like…. he probably put them out of business that's why they were acquired. The truth is he was getting a very, very cheap and now we're back to reality unfortunately.
The next item was the Bench at the GAR Memorial which was one time so we can remove that. The last one is the 2017 National Encampment expense which as you know we didn't get 2017, so that is zeroed out. We recommend that we change that to the 2018 National Encampment expense and we recommended $3000 be put aside from this budget for that purpose and probably for the next two years beyond this one, but we can only vote on this one so. So let me see where that brings us… $27,750.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Question?

Patriotic Instructor Albert Smith: Yes, did you go over the figures for the Remembrance trip? You wanted to go over the figures for the Remembrance Day trip, you want $3000 now. You wanted to raise it from $2500 to $3000.

Council Kevin Tucker: Right, yes if somebody objected to that they would change it.

Commander Dexter Bishop: There was no objection.

Patriotic Instructor Albert Smith: It was just a question.

Commander Dexter Bishop: You were sleeping, go back to sleep.

Patriotic Instructor Albert Smith: In my experience on hiring a bus the figure I've been using for the last 15, for the size bus we been using approximately 30 passenger is approximately $1000-$1150 a day. So a four day trip that we take is now up to $4000.

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: $4100 is what it is. I think the lowest quote I got was around $4100.

Patriotic Instructor Albert Smith: But all you want is $3000.

Council Kevin Tucker: Yes but people also pay on their own. We just subsidize the trip, we don't pay for the whole trip. It's not a free trip, everybody pays their $300 or so. All right with that having been said the total expenses come to……

Commander Dexter Bishop: Kevin, Kevin wait a minute. Go ahead.

Brother Perley Mellor: Perley Mellor, Past Commander in Chief. The 2008 National Encampment that we held here I happen to be Commander, what, the year before?

Council Kevin Tucker: Yes, the year before.

Brother Perley Mellor: We put aside $11,000 for that Encampment. The $3000 is going to do for the time being but next year I think we are going to have to put more money than we thought we would, because it is not cheap. Nothing is cheap anymore, so just keep in your head for next year adding more to it. $10,000 doesn't go very far anymore, so just think ahead. We may have to increase the amount from 3000 to 5000 to make it more realistic for the coming year. $3000 this year is not a bad start, but Kevin can attest to the fact that we needed every cent of that just for that Encampment. So this is just food for thought, it is not cheap to run a National Encampment. You can ask any of the ones doing it now or have done in the past, it's, some have made money and some have lost money. Just food for thought.

Unknown: Brother Bishop do you want to bring the ladies in now?

Commander Dexter Bishop: Yes, let's do it now.(Three raps, all stand.)

Council Kevin Tucker: Perley, announce them.

Brother Perley Mellor: Brother Commander, I present Past National President Diane Mellor.

Council George Maple: Brother Commander, I would like to present Department President Veronica Mellor.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Do you have anything you would like to say?

Sister Diane Mellor: Yes, Commander, first of all on behalf of National in our Department we wish you a harmonious and productive Encampment. We have had a good one ourselves. We would just like to say thank you to all of the Sons in this Department that have supported the Auxiliary this year and we hope that anything we can do for you in the future, we will try to

make ourselves available to you. I have a small gift from the Department President, if I may approach?

Commander Dexter Bishop: Yes, come on up.

Sister Diane Mellor: Just a small token of our esteem.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Thank you. Do you have anything to say?

Department President Veronica Mellor: As you have heard from the Past President, I hope you have a wonderful Encampment and good luck with your business.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Thank you. Okay thank you very much.(Sisters are escorted out).

Council Kevin Tucker: Continuing on, I just want to say that I agree with Brother Mellor, it is expensive to run a National Encampment. We don't have the tally yet because we haven't finalized the plans but it is a good thing to keep in mind that they are expensive. We will probably ask for some more money later on. Before I finish us out, is there anything else we want to budget? Does anyone else have any items they would like to add?

Commander Dexter Bishop: Are we talking rather than using the miscellaneous expense?

Council Kevin Tucker: Yes.

Commander Dexter Bishop: I would like to put in for a portable PA system.

Council Kevin Tucker: Yes, tell us about that.

Commander Dexter Bishop: One of the things, as I've been traveling around that I've noticed is that a lot of the outdoor events we attend we are yelling and screaming trying to be heard. I have some personal knowledge on some equipment such as a portable microphone and speakers that run off of batteries. They usually cost somewhere between $200 and $500, depending on the ones that you buy. I would like to have the Department purchase one of these for use by the Department and any of the Camps in relationship to when they are outside doing a program. Instead of having to run one very long extension cord just have this equipment available to be used outside. For that matter it can be used inside at any other event where you happen to be and there is no PA system available.

Unknown: I will make that motion for $500.

Unknown: I will second.

Council Kevin Tucker: So Brother Mellor is making a motion that a line item be added to the budget for the purchase of a PA system for $500. Seconded by Brother George Maple.

Brother Perley Mellor: Perley Mellor, Past Commander in Chief. Just for information, I belong to a retiree group from the company I retired from. I have a small box about yea big by yea big; it's a speaker with a microphone that he's talking about. We are at restaurants and it permeates the entire restaurant. So it does work, very portable. It has a handle on top of it, some of these things have a handle, it is like about 1' x 1' depending on what you get and they work very well.

I suggest that we do this and I made the motion that we do this for ourselves. I've been to situations where, Dexter, I guess all of us have, been to outdoor activities where there is nothing and they are hollering over the wind and everything else where you can't be heard. These small boxes are very portable and they do run on batteries. No cords, it generates its own power so it is something that would be very handy to have. We've talked about this in the past and we never really did anything, so I think we should do it now and go ahead with it.

Patriotic Instructor Albert Smith: Patriotic Instructor Al Smith. I address this question to Brother Maple. Along with the podcast equipment that you are going to purchase is there any additional equipment that podcast can be adapted to allow for broadcasting outside?

Council George Maple: The broadcasting is separate from the PA system.

Commander Dexter Bishop: We have a motion made and seconded, any further discussion? Yes.

Brother James Doran: Hi, I am Jim Doran, Junior Vice Commander from Camp 5. I would like to rise in support of this motion. Every Memorial Day weekend on Thursday night we have a dedication and we plant the flags and if anybody's been up in the Lynn Cemetery, the municipal Cemetery, it is about 4 ½ miles from Logan and the final approach, and Mr. Norris has been there I know two years ago during an event. It is an investment especially with the equipment available you can get something for half the appropriation. You can probably even get it used on Craigslist. It is money well spent. Thank you

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any others? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed? Abstain? The motion carries.

Council Kevin Tucker: So if there are no other line items…….

Council Edward Norris: Ed Norris, Department Council. Last year we had a surplus of $4359.35. I'm going to make a motion to move $4,000 into the permanent fund to help protect future income.

Unknown: I'll second.

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: Daniel Murray, Department Treasurer. I am against the motion. We have the same amount in the checkbook that we had a year ago at this time. If we take $4000, and the budget we have is $4000 over our projected income for this year, technically if we spent everything that is in a budget we will have zero in the checkbook come next year at this time. I am definitely against putting $4000 into the permanent fund.

Unknown: I have one question. Is the money in the permanent fund permanently there?

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: Yes, once it is in the permanent fund we cannot touch it.

Council Kevin Tucker: I rise in defense of the checkbook. Remember that we are projecting that we are getting about $24,000 from our investments. That means that we are already at $28,250 which is over $4000 more than we are going to get. There is $8000 in the checkbook and half of that is gone. We need to have some cash on hand for emergencies and stuff like that. I

don't think this is the year, normally I would be in support of Brother Norris motion but because we are about over by so much we should be cautious and monitor the cash. Once we put it in the fund we are, by our bylaws, not allowed to touch it. We can only get the interest off of it and so that money is not available to us if an emergency should happen. I would oppose the motion.

Patriotic Instructor Albert Smith: Al Smith, Patriotic Instructor. I would go along with Kevin and leave the money where it is because if we need more money for the 2018 National Encampment it will be there to support it.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Are there any other comments? All those in favor of the motion please raise your hand.

Unknown: What is the motion?

Council Kevin Tucker: The motion is to move $4000 from the checkbook to the permanent fund.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Again, all those in favor raise your hand. Opposed? Abstain? The motion fails.

Council Kevin Tucker: If there are no other proposals our total expenses budgeted for this year will be $28,250.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Chaplain, please close the Bible. We will go on lunch break from 12 noon to 2 o'clock. Thank you.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

Commander Dexter Bishop: The Chaplain will open the Bible. We have a one-time expense, if you would like to come forward.

Council Edward Norris: Ed Norris, Department Council. We have been notified a couple of times over the past year, maybe year and a half, from Mount Auburn Cemetery. There was a trust fund that was left by one of the families who are buried at Mount Auburn. We have a trust fund, it has to be used for the purposes of decorating the graves of veterans and relief work as well. It is the Copenhagen fund. This is the work that Ralph Warner was doing and he is no longer with us, Perley and I worked on, we had a number of trust funds. We are talking about the Copenhagen Fund; we have determined that is a trust fund and from which the income only is to be expended by the post for relief work and decoration of graves of veterans of the Civil War at Mount Auburn Cemetery. So that is the purpose of it. She has contacted us because the grave of this person's daughter is in need of restoration. So technically that is not a Civil War veteran, so according to our trust fund we can't turn over the proceeds every year to them for that purpose. But it might be worth making a donation on behalf of the Sons to the restoration of one of that families gravestones. I would like to make a motion that we donate $100 one time to that fund.

Unknown: I'll second.

Commander Dexter Bishop: We have a motion to donate $100 to the family for the restoration of a family monument on behalf of the Department we will make this donation. Any further questions?

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: Daniel Murray, Secretary/Treasurer. The Copenhagen Fund, when it was originally set up was given to the GAR. I think the original bequest was $5000 and right now we have $14,000 in the fund. Some years it was never spent; the last few years we have been decorating. What she is asking for, I don't know if you've ever been to the Copenhagen monument at Mount Auburn, there is an angel on top of one of the stones and the angel needs some restoration work. I believe the angel was sculpted by Martin Milner, who sculpted the Sphinx at Mount Auburn Cemetery. I know they wanted the whole fund but I would make a friendly amendment that we increase the amount to $200.

Unknown: You know how much we made on this fund this year?

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: We made $187.03 on the fund this year.

Council Edward Norris: It is in a CD and we don't make very much on CDs.

Unknown: About how much do we make each year?

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: About $200 a year.

Council Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker, Past Department Commander. I stand in support of the motion. The Copenhagen's actually gifted us with a really nice endowment where we are doing fairly well of late in this Department. Paying it back seems like the least we can do. I've been to that monument. We go past it once a year. Mount Auburn Cemetery is where the Charles Bond grave is and who Camp 104 is named for. It is a beautiful angel; the fingers are missing and I've been watching over the years and it really needs some refurbishing. Although they have asked us for a lot more than a couple of hundred dollars, it is the least we can do. Maybe every year give them the same amount. The reason we do so well as a Department with our finances, we did get a lot of trust funds and it does help. That is from departed, where people who passed away and left us these things. It is not the person that left us the monies grave but it is his daughter. I feel that $200 is chicken feed for this Department. I am in support of the motion.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Do we have any other comments? Hearing none, we have a motion on the floor. All of those in favor raise your hand. Opposed? Abstain? Passes unanimously. Any other business before we get onto nominations. Yes, sir.

Unknown: Are we doing Good of the Order?

Commander Dexter Bishop: That is supposed to be after nominations and elections.

Council Kevin Tucker: I just thought it appropriate to mention a few of the things we have coming up. Kevin Tucker, Past Department Commander. I just thought it was a good time, before we get into this stuff and end up closing, to talk about the things are coming up and need volunteers for. The next thing coming up is Memorial Day, so the Sunday before Memorial Day, Memorial Day is actually on the 30th this year, which will be 29 May. At Bourne National

Cemetery, it's actually the Veterans Administration Cemetery at Bourne, as we always do they have a large exercise there with all the veterans groups. We usually form up at noon. The parade steps off at one going into the Cemetery and go to the area where the Memorial exercises always happen. The Army shooting cannons, a flyby or a flyover and then when we are finished with that we move over to where there are seven unknown soldiers and do our own Civil War ceremony at the graves of the unknown soldiers. So please mark on your calendar to be present for that. We have uniforms if you need them, you can come in jacket and tie if you like. Of course, the more people we have in uniform the better it goes. We been down there just having a four person Color Guard and we had as many as 25 people. It always looks better with more people and we generally lead the parade in. if you can put that on your calendar to come. The following week after that, for the week of Memorial Day, should say starting with 1st of June in Lynn there will be Dexter, Camp 5 and the Roundtable are doing some things in the Lynn schools. But the following Friday is the Civil War dinner at the Masonic Lodge. I think this year is going to be surf and turf. It will be $25 per person for dinner. It is at the Masonic Lodge on Market Street in Lynn. There will be a presentation by General Grant this year. It is a really good time and it supposed to be a fundraiser. Usually we just break even every year. Then on Saturday it is a living history day on the Lynn common. Dexter always enlists a group of reenactors from different organizations. There's usually cannon involved and some firing, which the neighbors just love. We will do some kind of a rededication ceremony there. Saturday night will be the bean supper and the awarding of the prize for the History Bee. The bean supper always sells out, there is a ton of interest and it obviously gets people interested in the GAR and the GAR Hall. It gets them to know our organization so we are well known and appreciated in Lynn. The cost of the bean supper will be $10. That is it for right now but we will keep you posted on the fall dinner.

Council George Maple: George Maple, Past Department Commander. On July 15, Friday we will be performing a rededication ceremony for the Worcester monument which is being repaired at this time. It will be around noon time.

Council Kevin Tucker: I'm sure we'll put that both on the website and Facebook page along with those of you that belong to the mailing list. By the way, if you do not belong to the mailing list, email me and we will put you on. The Commander has asked me to emphasize that all secretaries get their snail mail addresses updated. We are getting returned mail, it I think that is it.

Council Edward Norris: Would it be worth going over the trust funds to let people know what money is available? We haven't done that in a long time.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Yes, go ahead.

Council Edward Norris: Ed Norris, Department Council. There are other opportunities to get money for the stuff that a camp does. Typically, we don't get requests for any of this money. But it is out there available. If we don't use it, the money just gets rolled back in. We mentioned the Copenhagen Trust to decorate or do relief work, there is money available in that. We have the Myers Fund which is just for one lot at 814 on Hyacinth Path at Mt. Auburn Cemetery. It is to

decorate that grave. If any camp is out there decorating the grave with that lot they can request money for that. There is the Ellis Fund which shall be paid semiannually or more often to Camp 81 in Chelsea. It is to be used for charitable, benevolent, patriotic work. Obviously, we don't have Camp 81 anymore but we do have Camp 22 which is the Chelsea Camp nowadays. The intent of the fund is for work in Chelsea. If the money doesn't get used it gets rolled over. This fund was originally $1041 when we originally received it in 1940. The Marshall Fund is to be used for a camp in Worcester County that requests it. It should be used for charitable, benevolent, patriotic work. Camp 25 is the only Camp in Worcester County.

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: Camp 25 requested a check this year and they received $82, something like that.

Council Edward Norris: The Ethel Wood which we use for general Department purposes is to be used every Christmas season to place a wreath on the graves of Robert and Ethel Wood. That is in Dorchester and it is usually done by Tim Callahan. That is our trust funds. So again, if you need money for one of these purposes you can request it from the Department. It is something to think about. Another thing I would like to mention is the upcoming National Encampment. My term on the Council of Administration is over and I'm going to seek reelection to that position. My plan is to run in 2017 for Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

Commander Dexter Bishop: At this point in time, I would just like to make a presentation. Kevin if you would come up for a moment. Kevin this past year he has worked very, very, very hard for the Department and I thought this would be an appropriate way to show our appreciation. As an expression of our thanks and gratitude for all that you have done. I know you have given these out as I have been the recipient of one. At the same time I don't know if you've ever received one. Have you?

Council Kevin Tucker: No.

Commander Dexter Bishop: You are now a recipient of the Roger L Olson award presented to Kevin Tucker most outstanding Brother 2015 Department of Massachusetts SUVCW. Congratulations Kevin, you have really done a good job.

Council Kevin Tucker: As you know I'm very shy, but today feels like the Kevin Tucker fan club in here. I appreciate that you appreciate work that I do but I've seen Dexter working harder than anybody in here I see Ed always in the middle of everything, I see Perley on committees and doing his stuff. There are plenty of people that deserve an award like this. I hope that all of you get an award. I know Charlie's been coming to everything, I know that George is our technological wiz, I know that Chip is at every event. I consider this very high praise from you guys because everybody in this Department works pretty hard. It's not like a bunch of loafers giving me an award because I work harder than they do. Everybody in here works hard and we have a really good Department and we want to keep it up. Anything I can do to help that's what I do. If I get an award for that it's nice but I would've done it anyways. Thank you very much

Commander Dexter Bishop: We're going to move on, unless anybody needs a break for any reason. If not we will move forward and go to nominations. Yes.

Council Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker, Past Department Commander I would like to nominate Dexter Bishop for Department Commander for the Department of Massachusetts.

Patriotic instructor Albert Smith: Seconded.

Unknown: You don't need a second.

Commander Dexter Bishop: I will ask myself, will I accept yes. Are there any other nominations for Commander? Are there any other nominations for Commander?

Council Edward Norris: Ed Norris, Department Council. I would like to make a motion that for all uncontested Officer positions that the Secretary cast a single vote.

Unknown: Seconded.

Commander Dexter Bishop: It has been moved and seconded, any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed? Abstained? So carried. Senior Vice Commander is next.

Council George Maple: George Maple, Past Department Commander. I would like to nominate Past Camp Commander Conley Ford as Senior Vice Commander.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Where are you, there you are. Conley, if elected would you accept?

Senior Vice Commander Conley Ford: Yes.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Congratulations Conley. Nominations for Junior Vice Commander?

Council Edward Norris: Ed Norris, Department Council. I would like to nominate fellow Camp member Stuart Chambers for the position of Junior Vice Commander..

Commander Dexter Bishop: Will you serve if elected?

Junior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: Yes.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Congratulations Chip. Council number one.

Council Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker, Past Department Commander. I nominate George Maple for Department Council.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Will you serve if elected?

Council George Maple: Yes.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Congratulations George. Nominations for Secretary/Treasurer.

Council Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker, Past Department Commander. I nominate Dan Murray for Secretary/Treasurer, by acclamation so he can't refuse.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Will you serve if elected?

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: Yes.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Are there any more nominations? Are there any more nominations? Are there any more nominations? Congratulations Dan. Now we need nominations for delegates to the National Encampment.

Council Edward Norris: Ed Norris, Department Council. I'd like to nominate the following as delegates; I think we are entitled to eight.

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: Yes.

Council Edward Norris: Conley Ford, Ken London, Chip Chambers, Charles Lewis, Al Smith, Richard Nichols, Tim Callahan and Bill Naughton.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? So done. Now we need to nominate alternates.

Council Edward Norris: I would like to nominate all other Brothers in the Department of Massachusetts as long as they are a member as of this date.

Commander Dexter Bishop: They will all serve. Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? It is completed.

Meeting turned over to National Commander in Chief Donald Martin who installed officers according to the Ritual of the Order.

Sec./Treas. Daniel Murray: Reading of the Minutes of the 133rd annual Department Encampment.(see appendix)

Council Edward Norris: I make a motion that we accept the Minutes as read.

Unknown: Seconded.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Motion made and seconded. Is there any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed? Abstained? Motion carries. I am just going to say a few words and then we will get out of here and wait for the next event. I just want to say thank you very much for giving me this position again and I would hope that I can continue to accomplish the work that needs to be done. In order to assure this Department will continue to grow in reverse of the direction that it has been heading in, by getting all of the Camps involved in various programs across the state. I hope that we can, as a Department, encourage the Camps to get involved in their community because that is where the growth will come from. It was suggested that we all have relatives and that we should work to get them into the Camps. That is a very good way to start. It is very important that we look at various programs such as the History Bee that we have in Lynn. We need to go into the schools with presenters to talk about various issues in history classes. These are the areas where they get the young people

interested. We have found in Lynn that by talking to these young people, these kids in high school, it sticks with them a little bit and later on, we have been doing this for five years, we've already seen some of those who have graduated from high school and they've gone on into college. History has more meaning for them than it even had for them in high school. Why? Because they were exposed to some of the intricacies of what we teach them and what we espouse and so it is important that we keep doing those kinds of programs. Getting into the schools is so, so important. I want to encourage each Camp to have at least one period during the year in which their Camp is focusing on going into the schools with a program. If you need help to do that give me a call, I will be happy to give you any assistance I can in finding somebody that you would want to send in to do the presentation and/or to see who you have within your Camp that might want to go in. They love to see you in uniform. This is our official uniform but they like to see us in a kepi and the blue. So those are just a couple of points there. I hope that we can get each Camp to do something along that line in this coming year, so that next year we can have a report from all the Camps as to what school they went into, how many children they talk to and what was the results with the teachers. I've found that the teachers really appreciate you coming in and doing something. As an example, especially for the elementary grades because you don't always have to be talking to high school. We have a gentleman who takes the part of his great-great-grandfather who was a drummer boy. We go into the elementary schools and get the fourth and fifth grade kids, we go in and talk about what a drummer boy did in the war, what it felt like, what the great-great-grandson knew and we march them around. We teach them what the different drum rolls and what have you mean. It is amazing, and while those kids certainly love it, the teachers love it because it's an hour or so that they don't have to do anything but watch over these kids. The fact of the matter is they enjoy it because it brings a whole new life to what they are teaching in the classroom. That is what we need to be doing, is bringing new life into that classroom. It helps those teachers to be better teachers by giving them the benefit of the knowledge that we have and that we carry. So it is very important. That is one of the challenges I would like to make to all the Camps that this year we get out there and go into a school, or two, or three, or however many you want. But make that effort, and have a time with those kids in those classrooms. That is so important in the life of this organization, because it is 25 or 30 years down the line is when you see the results of that work in that school. Whether it's the elementary, middle school or the high school. We did a program in Lynn, we had a fellow come up from Kentucky who looked exactly like Frederick Douglas. Before they were out of the high school those kids had the pictures of Frederick Douglas and themselves on their Facebook pages. So that is the impression that you can have. We had 1500 kids in that auditorium at the time and when it first started it tended to be a little bit ha ha ha and when they left you could hear a pin drop. When they were going out they immediately wanted pictures, they immediately wanted to speak to him. That is what we can do, we have that opportunity as Sons of Union Veterans to keep on the memory of those veterans. The only way it is going to happen is we have to get out there and do it. So I am asking and I am challenging to get into at least one school in their geographical area and put on a program. It could also be one of, where this year is the 150th anniversary of the founding of the GAR, it could also be as simple as bringing in one or two people who have direct descendants who could get up and talk about what their great- great grandfather did. There is all kinds of programs that you can do that way. In the Camp books, the

Post books of most Camps there is a book about so big and it has some of the most memorable events that they did during the Civil War. The veterans then dictated and it was put into these books. You read that and it can really blow your mind. As an example, especially with young kids you can sit there and say, there's a young fella probably not much older than in a high school class than you 17, 18,19 years old. What was the most memorable thing in your time in the war. Well I was at the Battle of Spotsylvania and the smoke was so thick I couldn't see beyond a foot in front of us. Of course, the Confederates couldn't see the other way. I was ordered up into the top of the tree so that we could now know where to shoot. Which he did, he climbed up into the tree, the only problem was that the Confederates also could now see him. They turned their artillery and blew the tree out from underneath him. His most memorable moment was as he was falling to the ground all he could think of was I'm going to die. Of course he didn't die because he was up at Post 5 giving this testimony and it is now written there in this book for all to see. You have that kind of information at your fingertips and if you take that and start to bring that to the public and to the school kids you'd be surprised how much they will absorb that, especially the story of that nature, because they can relate to that. That is what we are called to do. I'm going to say that a million times, I'm sure. We are called as members of this body, we are called to get out there and do this kind of work. Again, I challenge you, I can think of two or three other things for challenges but let's get one thing done this year and that is get into the schools and give a presentation. Please if you have any questions or any needs call me, I will be happy to help you out. Thank you. Yes, go ahead.

Unknown: I just have a question, how is the best way to get into the schools? Just contact the superintendent?

Commander Dexter Bishop: Absolutely not. Actually the best way to get into the schools is to go through a teacher. The most powerful position in the schools for anyone to get in there is to the Principal. The Principals could do just about anything. If you go to the Superintendent you're caught in a big heavy quagmire of issues. The Superintendent you can call them up, excuse me the Principal you can call he or she up and they can make the decision right there. So if you want to get in and you don't know any teachers then go to the Principal of the school. You tell them what you've got and what you are trying to do and then you go from there.

Unknown: I've got one more question. I know that certain grades are learning Civil War history. When do they teach it?

Commander Dexter Bishop: They vary, most of it is in and around the springtime. You have to watch out for the MCAS tests and you have to work around all that stuff. The fact of the matter is when you get any permission you have to ask them what is the best time. The thing in Charlestown, I got in there and talk to the Principal because of the Junior ROTC award and then he turned me over to the Department head set up for us for 1 o'clock in the afternoon, two classes to have us give a presentation by the 16th President. We would like to do more.

Unknown: Isn't it in the eighth grade when they learn US history?

Commander Dexter Bishop: A lot of it is pretty much standardized through most of the cities and towns.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief Donald Martin: Commander, if I might add on the National webpage there is a section on about adopting a school. There might be something on there that might be of use to you.

Senior Vice Commander Conley Ford: Conley Ford, Senior Vice Commander. The way that I worked with getting into the schools and what was very successful with a couple of other organizations, getting them involved with speech contests, boy's state, girl's state and programs like that through other Veterans organizations. Each town Senior Citizens house or home, and it's a place to give a talk to the Senior Citizens about once or twice a year. So those senior citizens are, each year they are getting new members and some of them are former teachers believe it or not. In Scituate the Senior Center, when I go there, there is five or six retired teachers there who have retired locally and that is a good way and I can really send the message to worm your way into the back door is retired teachers. They can get access to the schools and the protocols you have to go through to engage the curriculum in that school. There is just a suggestion and that is the way it is work for me for getting people involved in veterans organizations. Hopefully someday will come along with the right program for the Sons and make that work for us. Right now we've had a big success getting into our local high school and junior high schools too. Thank you

Commander Dexter Bishop: I'm sure you would all like to get out of here so I'm going to close now. We will be having our banquet at 6:30 PM and we will be eating in here. If you need a few minutes to relax now is the time. After we close be sure to come up and see Dan. He has the dinner tickets for tonight.
There being no further business to come before this Encampment we will proceed to close. You will give attention. Will the Chaplain ask for the blessings of God on our deliberations?

Chaplain Peter Preble: Our Father in Heaven, we pray you will deal with the events of this meeting as you deem proper and fitting. Please answer the heartfelt prayers of each one of us as permitted in your perfect will. Preserve us in health, strength and integrity while we remain here, and when our mission on earth is ended, take us to a better world. Amen.

All: Amen.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Brothers, we are about to leave this Encampment to retire to our respective homes. Let us regulate our conduct so as to bring honor and credit upon the great patriotic organization we represent. May we be faithful to our vows, mindful of our duties in exhibit toward each other and unbroken Fraternity, a tender Charity and an unswerving Loyalty. I now declare the 134th Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War duly closed.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers

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At the Annual Encampment of this Department held at (location) Boxborough, MA

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CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF DELEGATES

The following, all in good standing in their respective Camps, were duly elected to represent this Department as DELEGATES to the next Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (Attach additional sheet, if necessary.)

Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip Code	Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip
Conley Ford	Scituate	MA	02066	Timothy Callahan	Braintree	MA	02184
Kenneth London	Braintree	MA	02184	William Naughton	Belmont	NH	03222
Stuart H. Chambers	Framingham	MA	01701				
Charles W Lewis	Chelsea	MA	02150				
Albert Smith	Belmont	MA	02478				
Richard Nichols	Exeter	NH	03833				

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

The following Past Department Commanders are in good standing and are entitled to attend the Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. *(Do NOT include deceased.)*

Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip Code	Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip
Robert H. Knight	Feeding Hills	MA	01030				
John W. Bates	Melrose	MA	02176				
Perley E. Mellor	Nashua	NH	03062				
Kevin P. Tucker	Wakefield	MA	01880				
George E. Maple Jr.	Worcester	MA	01610				
Edward J. Norris	Lancaster	MA	01523				

SIGNATURE OF INSTALLING OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, AND NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

	Installing Officer:	Department Secretary:	Department Commander:	National Executive Director:
Date: 9 Apr 2016	Donald L. Martin		Dexter A Bishop	
	Signature	Signature	Signature	Signature
Printed Name:	Donald L. Martin		Dexter A. L	

Date received at National Headquarters: _____

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REGISTRATION

134th Massachusetts Encampment

Name	Camp	D.C.	PDC	PCC	Delegate	Alternate	CC	Visitor
Bishop, Dexter	22		1					
Bonney, Albert	3188				1			
Chambers, Stuart	25				1			
Cultrera, Richard	22				1			
Doran, James	5				1			
Dupree, John	25				1			
Ford, Conley	3188				1			
Lewis, Charles	22						1	
London, Kenneth	104				1			
Maple, George	25			1				
Martin, Donald	Visitor							1
Mellor, Perley	25			1				
Murray, Daniel	104				1			
Naughton, William	104						1	
Nichols, Richard	5				1			
Norris, Edward	25			1				
Preble, Peter	25				1			
Smith, Albert	5				1			
Tucker, Kevin	104			1				
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Department Order No 1
Series 2015-2016

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of Massachusetts, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: Baystate Camp 61 is suspended for failure to file their required Form 27 Annual Report and pay per capita dues to the Department.

Section 2: Satuit Camp 3188 is suspended for failure to file their required Form 27 Annual Report and pay per capita dues to the Department and not submitting Form 22 Election and Installation of Camp Officers.

Section 3: In accordance with the National Constitution & Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 8 and the Department Bylaws, Article XVI, Section 9 both the Baystate Camp 61 and the Satuit Camp 3188 are hereby suspended, effective immediately.

Section 4: Each Camp may have its suspension lifted if all of its required forms and reports are filed with the Department and all of its indebtedness due the Department is paid.

Ordered this 4th day of June, 2015

Dexter A Bishop, Commander
Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest
Daniel W Murray, Secretary
Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department Order No 2
Series 2015-2016

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of Massachusetts, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: In accordance with Department Order No. 1 Series 2015-2016, Satuit Camp 3188 was placed under suspension for failure to submit a properly completed and signed Form 22, Form 27 and per capita dues.

Section 2: As of August 5, 2015 all required forms and payments from the Camp have been received by Department Headquarters. Therefore, the suspension of Satuit Camp 3188 hereby lifted and the Camp is returned to full active status.

Ordered this 5th day of August, 2015

Dexter A Bishop, Commander
Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest
Daniel W Murray, Secretary
Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department Order No 3
Series 2015-2016

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of Massachusetts, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: In accordance with Department Order No. 1 Series 2015-2016, Bay State Camp 61 was placed under suspension for failure to submit a properly completed and signed Form 27 and per capita dues.

Section 2: As of October 23, 2015 all required forms and payments from the Camp have been received by Department Headquarters. Therefore, the suspension of Bay State Camp 61 hereby lifted and the Camp is returned to full active status.

Ordered this 23rd day of October, 2015

Dexter A Bishop, Commander
Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest
Daniel W Murray, Secretary
Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

2015-16 DEPARTMENT OFFICERS ENCAMPMENT REPORT

CONLEY W.FORD - Senior Vice Commander - SUVCW Dept MA

- Attended all regular SUVCW Satuit Camp 3188 meetings
- Participated in Memorial Day Activities, Scituate, MA
- Participated in Veterans Day Activities, Scituate, MA
- On behalf of Dept. Commander Installed Satuit Camp 3188 officers
- Delegate to SUVCW 2015 National Encampment, Richmond VA
- Remembrance Day participant, Gettysburg, PA
- Participant Return Hall of Flags Ceremony, Boston, MA
- Attended Lincoln Day Luncheon, Wakefield, MA
- Attended Lincoln Day Ceremony, Hingham, MA
- Scituate Veterans wreath laying ceremony, Scituate, MA
- Attend all scheduled Department Officers meeting
- Committee Member for securing 2018 SUVCW National Encampment

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Department of Massachusetts

Report of the Department Council

April 9, 2016

Brother Commander:

During the past year, the Department Council approved to fund two items.

1. A memorial bench at the Dr. Benjamin F. Stephenson Memorial Plaza at a cost of $2840.75.

   Note: At the 2015 Department Encampment there was a consensus that, if the Department was not awarded the 2017 National Encampment, the $3000 funds which were budgeted for that Encampment would be used for the purchase of the memorial bench.

2. The cost overrun for flag fabrication, poles, stands, finials and graphics work that was performed for the Return of the Flags event. The final cost ran $3,470.32 over our budget item.

   Note: Due to the process of graphic design submissions, corrections and changes, with charges for each iteration, along with varying costs of fabrication due to flag size and shape, it was impossible to know what the final cost would be prior to completion.

The Council met with the Department Secretary, and reviewed and approved the Department's financial statements.

The Council also prepared a proposed 2016/17 budget to submit to the Encampment.

Council Member George Maple's term is up for election this year. Brothers Ed Norris and Kevin Tucker have one year left on their terms.

Respectively submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Ed Norris, PDC
Kevin Tucker, PDC
George Maple, PDC

Secretary/Treasurer
Department of Massachusetts
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April 7, 2016

Commander Bishop,

All of the Department reports required by National since last encampment have been submitted on time. The General Lander Camp 5 donated $400.00 for the Return of the Flags ceremony this past December.

Since the last Encampment 2 Camps were suspended for failure to submit the Annual Reports. Both Camps have since been reinstated. Because two Camps have still not submitted the Form 22 and the majority of the Camps have not submitted the required Camp rosters with their Form 22 Installation Report, I am estimating the current strength of 6 Camps and the Department total. The current Department strength is 174 Brothers. Those reports were due February 15. Reminders were sent out on March 4 and April 4 to remind the Camps to submit the necessary paperwork.

As of this date I have received the Annual Report from two Camps. The Annual Reports are due to the Department by April 30, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel W Murray, Secretary

Secretary/Treasurer
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April 6, 2016

Dear Commander Bishop,

There is currently $8284.63 in the checking account and $501.00 in the savings account. The current value of the CD's is $211,628.97. The current market value of the Wells Fargo fund is $628,549.08. The projected annual income from that account is now at $24,627.

Total assets for the Department as of March 31 are $848,263.68, which is an increase of $11,410.79.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Murray, Treasurer
Department of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Report of the Department Chaplain

To Commander Bishop and the Brothers gathered at the 2016 Annual Department Encampment;

I hereby submit this as my report of activities of the previous year.

I had set a goal for myself to visit each of the camps in the Department to help foster a closer relationship between the camps and the department. I was not able to get to all of the camps but I was able to visit a few.

One of the duties of the Department Chaplain is to maintain the Department Necrology or list of deceased brothers. I would like to remind the camps that if a brother passes during the year to please inform me so we might send our condolences on behalf of the department to the family of the brother who has passed.

I had the high honor and privilege of participating, as many of you did, in the return of the flags ceremony at the Massachusetts State House. Standing on the steps of that historic building, and watching the flags come across Boston Common, is a sight I will not soon forget. I would personally like to thank all of those who organized this event for a job well done.

It has been an honor to serve the Department as Chaplain this past year and I look forward to continued service.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

The Rev. Dr. Peter M Preble
Department Chaplain

Report of GAR Highway Officer 2015-2016
Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

I saw 15-17 signs in both directions, including the sign for the start of 6 West and end of 6 East.

A few points I noticed:

- In Fairhaven, Ma, there was no GAR sign, there was a sign for Firefighters Memorial Highway.
- In Yarmouth, MA, there was both a GAR Highway and Korean War Veteran Memorial highway signs.
- Near Brewster, there was a highway sponsorship sign with no sponsor. Suggest we look into cost and responsibilities to sponsoring a mile.
- There were a few signs that are faded and some hard to see due to obstruction.
- It looks like most towns had one sign for each direction, although it is hard to tell as there are some towns with no entering sign, and there are sections with no mile markers or even highway 6 signs.

George Maple, PDC

GAR Highway Officer

Department of Massachusetts

Charles H. Bond Camp No. 104

Report

4/8/2016

The members of Charles H. Bond Camp No. 104 had a busy year; some of the highlights and activities included....

- Conducting Memorial Services for:
  -PDC, Frank Tucker at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody
  and for
  - Charles H. Bond –for whom our Camp is named at Mt Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge

- Participating in the rededication of the Civil War Monument in Amesbury, MA

- Participating in the Wakefield Heritage Day, with an information / recruiting table
- Flagging 267 graves of CW Veterans for Memorial Day in Wakefield cemeteries
- Registering a total of 341 CW Veteran's graves onto the SUVCW database
-

Members also

- Updated the Camp's Bylaws

- Canvassed cemeteries in Beverly and Byfield (among others) in search of gravesites of potential veterans to be researched and registered

- Attended and participated in various Department and National events

- Mourned the death of Brother George Rutter from our Camp

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Naughton

Bill Naughton
Camp Commander

ATTENTION
BROTHERS & SISTERS!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

2016 ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR & AUXILIARY

AT THE

HOLIDAY INN BOXBOROUGH

242 ADAMS PLACE, BOXBOROUGH, MA

FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH &
SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH, 2016

ENCAMPMENT EVENTS WILL INCLUDE:

- ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CAMPFIRE
- **MEMORIAL SERVICE**
- JOINT OPENING
- **BUSINESS SESSIONS**
- LUNCHEON
- **ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**
- ANNUAL BANQUET

DISCOUNTED LODGING

The HOLIDAY INN BOXBOROUGH

is offering a special $98.00 per room/per night (plus tax) rate for

S.U.V.C.W. & Auxiliary Members.

Hotel Reservations: (855) 642-6278 or on the internet at:

http://www.holidayinn.com/boxboroughma

Mention user code "SVC" to get the discounted room rate.

IMPORTANT: **Reservations must be received by Holiday Inn Boxborough, by APRIL 1st, 2016, in order for the hotel to guarantee the discounted rate and availability Reservations made after this date are subject to availability.**

ENCAMPMENT SCHEDULE

REGISTRATION

Registration will begin on Saturday morning. Registration will be $5.00 per Brother/Sister.

DEPARTMENT CAMPFIRE

The Encampment will kick off with our annual Department Campfire at 7:00 PM, on Friday, April 8th. Refreshments will be served.
Featured entertainment will be a presentation by **Patrick Browne**.

JOINT OPENING and MEMORIAL SERVICE

The S.U.V.C.W. and A.S.U.V.C.W. will hold its annual Joint Opening and Memorial Service on Saturday, April 9th, at 8:30 AM

BUSINESS SESSIONS

The first business session will be held immediately following the Memorial Service and will continue until 12:00 Noon on Saturday, April 9th. The second business session will be held from 1:30 PM until 5:00 PM, or at the conclusion of the Installation of Department Officers.

ENCAMPMENT LUNCHEON

The Encampment Luncheon will be held at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, April 9th, and will feature a delicious cold cut buffet lunch. The lunch will comprise of a deli buffet of ham, turkey and roast beef. Included are cheeses breads potato salad and coleslaw. Tickets are $15.00 per person.

ENCAMPMENT BANQUET

The annual Encampment Banquet will be held from 7:00 PM until 9:30 PM on Saturday evening, April 9th. The dinners will either be plated New England haddock with salad, or plated roast turkey with cranberry sauce. Bothe come with potato, vegetable medley and apple crisp for desert.
Tickets for the Banquet are $25.00 per person.

SPECIAL ENCAMPMENT PACKAGE

REGISTRATION, LUNCHEON AND BANQUET ONLY $40!

Return the attached reply form with a check or money order,
payable to "Dept. of Mass., SUVCW", to:

Department Encampment
Daniel Murray, Treasurer
40 Lake Road
Brentwood, NH 03833

ORDER FORM

2016 ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR &

AUXILIARY

AT THE

HOLIDAY INN BOXBOROUGH

242 ADAMS PLACE, BOXBOROUGH, MA

FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH &
SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH, 2016

PRE-REGISTRATION

Please pre-register me for the 2014 Dept. of Massachusetts Encampment.
Order: ___ SUVCW / ___ ASUVCW A registration fee of $5.00 is enclosed.

Total Preregistration $_____

LUNCHEON

Please reserve ___ tickets to the President's Luncheon at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, April 9th.
Enclosed is $15.00 for each ticket.

Total Luncheon Tickets $_____

ENCAMPMENT BANQUET

Please reserve ___ tickets to the Encampment Banquet on Saturday, April 9th, from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM.
Enclosed is $25.00 for each ticket.

Meal choice: ____ Roast Turkey meal(s). _____ New England Haddock meal

Total Banquet Tickets $_____

Total Enclosed $_____

Return this form with a check or money order,
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REGISTRATION

134th Massachusetts Encampment

Name	Camp	D.C.	PDC	PCC	Delegate	Alternate	CC	Visitor
Doran, James	5				1			
Nichols, Richard	5				1			
Smith, Albert	5				1			
Bishop, Dexter	22		1					
Lewis, Charles	22							1
Chambers, Stuart	25				1			
Dupree, John	25				1			
Maple, George	25			1				
Mellor, Perley	25			1				
Norris, Edward	25			1				
London, Kenneth	104					1		
Murray, Daniel	104				1			
Tucker, Kevin	104			1				
Ford, Conley	3188				1			
Martin, Donald	Visitor							1
			1	4	4	4	0	1	**14**

Department Delegate Count by Camp

	Members	Camp Commander	PCC	Delegates		TOTAL
Camp 5	16	1		0	3	4
Camp 15	30	1		3	4	8
Camp 22	12	1		1	2	4
Camp 25	35	1		8	4	13
Camp 26	8	1		1	2	4
Camp 50	13	1		4	2	7
Camp 61	11	1		2	2	5
Camp 104	23	1		4	3	8
Camp 132	12	1			2	3
Camp 318	14	1		4	2	7
TOTAL	**174**	10		27	26	**63**

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March 18, 2016

Daniel Murray, Dept. of Massachusetts Secretary/Treasurer
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Brentwood, New Hampshire 03833-6206

Brother Murray,

Please allow this letter and the accompanied resume to serve as my announcement of my candidacy for election to the office of National Secretary for the order at our 2016 National Encampment in Springfield, Illinois. I respectfully ask for your support.

I have been a member of the SUVCW since July, 2004 with the first three years being an associate, changing my membership to a regular member in 2007. Within the National organization, I currently serve as a member of the Council of Administration. In the Department of Ohio I currently serve as Secretary-Treasurer, Historian and Chairman of the Department Encampment Site and Planning Committee. At camp level, as a member of Governor William Dennison Camp No. 1, I serve as Secretary-Treasurer and Historian and in William McKinley Camp No. 21, I serve as Treasurer.

With my service first as a camp secretary-treasurer and with the additional service as the Department Secretary-Treasurer along with serving in all my other positions at both the camp and department levels both current and in the past, I feel these experiences will be of great benefit in the office of National Secretary.

In closing, if time allows in your busy Department Encampment, I ask that you bring forth my intentions and resume to your Department Officers and the brothers attending your encampment to be better informed about myself but most importantly to your delegates to the National Encampment as they review the candidates and decide their choices for the office. My official letter of intent and resume have been posted on the National Website.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Jonathan C. Davis, PDC
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Nomination for Office of National Secretary

Please allow me to submit my resume of service to the Order

National Office Held

Present	Council of Administration Member

Department of Ohio Offices Held

2007 – Present	Department Historian
2008 – 2011	Department Chief-of-Staff
2008 – Present	Department Encampment Site and Planning Committee
2011 – 2012	Department Junior Vice Commander
2012 – 2013	Department Senior Vice Commander
2013 – 2014	Department Commander
2014 – Present	Department Secretary/Treasurer

Governor William Dennison Camp No. 1 Offices Held

2005 – Present	Camp Historian
2007 – 2013	Camp Newsletter Editor
2008 – 2009	Camp Commander (Served as Camp Sr. Vice Commander and Jr. Vice Commander)
2011	Camp Council
2013 – Present	Camp Secretary/Treasurer

William McKinley Camp No. 21 Offices Held

2015 – Present	Camp Treasurer

SUVCW Additional Activities

- Joined the SUVCW in July, 2004 as Associate, Regular member in November, 2007.
- Graduate of the SUVCW Memorial University Officer Training Course in November, 2010.
- Member of Company C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Third Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve.
- Delegate or Commander from the Department at the last seven National Encampments.
- For the Department of Ohio have attended various department and camp events including Buffington Island Ceremonies, Last Union Veteran Ceremonies, camp officer's installations, camp anniversaries, etc.
- As a member of Governor William Dennison Camp No. 1 have presided over and taken part in our annual Memorial Day Ceremony which includes flag placement on military graves, marched in parades, participated in camp recruitment tables, etc.
- Last Union Veteran Project, Franklin County, OH. Researched, organized and participated in the dedication ceremony for Cpl. Bird B. Stith, Co. I, 53rd Kentucky Mounted Infantry. October 2009.

Personal Information

- Married for 26+ years with one (1) step-son having two (2) granddaughters ages 9 and 5.
- Have worked in the consulting engineering field for 35+ years currently in the utility department with a national company in my fiftieth year.
- Additional hobbies include history and family genealogy.

Bruce D. Frail, PDC
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19 January 2016

Hello Brothers,

I have the honor to submit my letter of intent to run for Council of Administration at the National Encampment in Springfield, Illinois in 2016. I request your consideration of my candidacy for this position within the National Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I am a Lineal member of the SUVCW by way of the service of my 3rd Great Grandfather Hugh Friel/Frail who served from 10 Sept 1862 through 5 July 1865 as Private in Company E, 67th Pennsylvania Infantry. I joined the SUVCW with my son Benjamin in 2003 and have served in many offices within Major Sullivan Ballou Camp #3, the Department of Rhode Island and at the National levels.

I currently serve as the National Graves Registration Officer an office I was appointed to in 2009. I by way of that office am Chair of the National Committee for Graves Registration and the National Special Government Headstone Application Committee. I also serve on the National Committee on Promotion & Marketing and the National Committee on Battle Flags Preservation.

I am the founder and owner of American Civil War Ancestor. We work with genealogists, authors, historians, educators and municipalities in researching all military conflicts of the United States. My specialty being in the American Civil War with a concentration on the Mississippi River Squadron, the 2nd Rhode Island Infantry and the Burnside Zouaves. We team with other government and private organizations in our Unknown Soldier Project and have had success in identifying several veterans of the American Civil War veterans.

I ask you to please take some time to read my resume. I thank you for giving your time in this matter and stand ready to talk with whoever wishes to ask me any questions. It would be my honor to serve all of you as a member of the Council of Administration.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Bruce D. Frail, PDC

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Resume 19 January 2016

Education:
William M. Davies Career-Tech High School (Mechanical Drawing & Culinary Arts), Community College of Rhode Island (Photography, Education and History), Rhode Island College (Photography, Early Childhood Education and History), and Columbia University in the City of New York (History)

Employment:
E-4, Combat Engineer/Bulk Fuel Specialist – United States Marine Corps; Hardware Crew – Shannon Boat Company; Laborer – K & M Remodeling Company; General Contractor – ATB Remodeling Company; Lead Technician/Remodeler – Forest Properties Management; Lead Technician/Project Manager – The Providence Center; Firefighter/EMT/Hazmat Specialist – Tiogue Fire District, Coventry , RI; Owner/Researcher – American Civil War Ancestor.

Organizations and Associations:
2nd Marine Division Association:
1984 Joined association and attended several Memorial Day events in Washington DC in the 80's and 90's.

USS Iwo Jima Association:
1991 Joined association.

SUVCW:
2003 Joined Elisha Dyer Camp #7 SUVCW with my son Benjamin J. Frail, both as associates.
2004 Confirmed a relative that served in the civil war, Hugh Friel/Frail, Company E, 67th Pennsylvania Infantry.
2005 Assisted in forming Major Sullivan Ballou Camp #3 in the Department of Rhode Island.
2007-2009 Elected **Camp Commander** of Major Sullivan Ballou Camp #3.
2008 Awarded **Cornelius F. Whitehouse Brother of the Year** award by Commander - In-Chief Charles E. Kuhns Jr.
2009 - 2011 Elected **Department Commander** of Dept of Rhode Island, awarded the **2009 Brother of the Year Award by the ASUVCW** by National President Nancy Hilton, and appointed **National Graves Registration Officer.**

2010 Graduated from the Memorials University SUVCW Officers Training Course and developed the Span of Control/Chain of Command system for the SUVCW Graves Registration Project with the assistance of the members of the National Committee on Graves Registration.
2011 Awarded **Brother of the Year** by the Department of Rhode Island, designed and published the Graves Database Instructional Booklet with the assistance of the National Committee on Graves Registration.
2012 Awarded **Distinguished Service Award** by the Department of Rhode Island by Department Commander Henry C. Duquette and introduced the SUVCW's National Graves Registration Database to genealogists at the National Archives and Records Administrations genealogy days.
2013 Began the specifications and design of the National Graves Registration Database redesign with the cooperation of the members of the National Committee on Graves Registration, several Department Graves Registration Officers and many of our public submitters to the National Graves Registration Database, we also introduced the SUVCW National Graves Registration Database to the National Genealogy Conference.
2014 Developed the concept for the National Special Committee for Government Headstone Applications with the assistance of Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor. We also designed and formed a sub-committee to work with the abandoned Union veteran records held in Find-a-Grave so the SUVCW will take care of those records from members of Find a Grave that have passed away this was done using an idea of Brother Dave Tschanz of the Department of Ohio and Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell and the administration of Find a Grave.
2015 Completed the updates and redesign of the National Graves Registration Database.
2016 Designing a Instructional program for the new National Graves Registration Database which will include a Online Graves Registration University and Instructional Booklet to be introduced at the 2016 National Encampment.

I have attended all National Encampments since 2005 with the exception of 2012, I have also attended most of the Gettysburg Remembrance Day events and C of A meetings in Gettysburg, PA.

Missing In America Project:
2006 Joined project,
2008 Appointed State Coordinator for the State of Rhode Island, still holding that position.

Rhode Island Civil War Sesquicentennial Commemoration Commission:
2010 Joined Advisory Council Invited to join by Retired Chief Justice Frank Williams.
2011 Member of Archival Preservation Committee
2012-2014 Chair of the Rhode Island Battle Flag Committee

Personal:
1984 Married to Anna L. Handy, you may know her as Anna L. Frail, PDP, ASUVCW.
1985 Birth of my daughter, Amber Lynn
1986 Birth of my son Thomas James
1988 Birth of my son Benjamin Joseph
Still married after 31 years and all of our children have graduated from their chosen colleges all are working within the medical profession including my son Dr. Thomas J. Frail a member of the SUVCW. My daughter Amber is also a charter member of Sarah Ballou Auxiliary #3, ASUVCW. My son Benjamin is the current Department Commander of the Department of Rhode Island, SUVCW.

I have been a reenactor since 2005 with Company B, 2nd Rhode Island Infantry and have been a member of Company A, 3rd Rhode Island Heavy Artillery of the SVR since 2008.

Department of Massachusetts Officers Meeting
June 7, 2015

The meeting was opened in due form at 3:00PM by Commander Dexter Bishop. Present were Commander Dexter Bishop, SVC Conley Ford, JVC Stuart Chambers, Sec/Treas Daniel Murray, Council Kevin Tucker, Albert Smith PI, William Naughton, Timothy Callahan, and Ken London.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported that there is $584,929.38 in the Wells Fargo fund. The projected annual income at this time from the fund is $23,979.00. The current balance in the checkbook is $9,152.56.

The Secretary reported the Annual Report was submitted on time to National and the current Department membership is 165 members. Camp 61 is currently under suspension for failure to submit their Annual Report.

Reports of Committees -
- The contracts for the 2018 National Encampment are being negotiated. The Encampment will be held in Framingham.
- 6 JROTC medals were awarded. 1 Naval JROTC and 5 JAFROTC.
- The susquecentennial program in Lynn was a success.There will be 1 more program in Lynn next year to celebrate the 150th of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1866.
- There will be a Veterans Parade in Saugus on September 13th. The parade will form up at the Riverside Cemetery and go to Saugus High School, approximately 2 miles.
- There were 8 SUVCW participants in the Memorial Day ceremonies at Bourne National Cemetery.
- Commander Bishop would like to have a Department Color Guard. Right now there are 4 volunteers, Al Smith, Charles Lewis, Dan Murray, and Richard Parker. Commander Bishop would like more volunteers.
- It was voted to put a Department Calender on line. Conley Ford will be in charge.
- There will be an agenda posted for the Officers Meetings.

New Business
- Recruiting for the Department was discussed. Some of the ideas were sponsoring a new Camp, history bees in the local schools with some type of monetary award, advertising in Civil War magazines, Ancestry, and retention of members. The Camp Junior Vice Commanders will be tasked with doing exit interviews to find out why members are leaving the Order.
- The Department Secretary still needs copies of 6 applications from Camp 25.
- On Saturday July 25th at 10AM there will be a rededication ceremony of the John J.B. Adams

building at the Chelsea Soldiers Home. 3 more rifle muskets are needed for the Color Guard.
- There have been 6 Eagle Scout commendations to date.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 4:49PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Daniel Murray, Secretary
Department of Masschusetts

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Massachusetts
Officers Meeting
March 13, 2016

Meeting opened at 3:20 P.M.
Informal meeting.
Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:
Commander – Present – Dexter Bishop
SVC – Present - Conley Ford
JVC – Present - Stuart Chambers
Secretary/Treasurer – Present – Daniel Murray
Council No. 1 – Excused absence – Ed Norris
Council No. 2 – Present – Kevin Tucker
Council No. 3 – Present – George Maple
Patriotic Instructor – Present – Albert Smith
Chaplain – Absent
Eagle Scout Officer – Present – Timothy Callahan

Secretary's Report – As of today three Camps (15, 22 and 25) have submitted Installation Reports
Treasurer's Report -The current value of the Wells Fargo account is $624,996.77 and there is $10,159.47 in the General Fund.

SVC Report – Nothing new to report
JVC Report – Nothing to report. One application – Camp 25

Camp 22 – Membership is not growing. Try to arrange a trip for the Wheelchair patients. Conversation on membership growth. One of the things talked about was looking into Ancestry for an ad.
The sesquicentennial event at Lynn in May was discussed. There is to be a dinner on Friday night, Surf & Turf for $25 per person at the Masonic Lodge
Program on Lynn Common on Saturday. The 6th Maine Battery will be there and fire a cannon every hour. The Naval Landing party will also be there. There will be a Bean Supper at the Lynn GAR Hall on Saturday night where the Mayor will be presenting the History Bee Award. These events will take place on the first weekend in June.

Camps to submit a monthly meeting minutes to the Department Commander. The Department Secretary will contact Camp Secretaries to send the minutes of the Camp Meeting.

George Maple will look into a free site for blogging and to do a podcast and bring proposal to the Department Encampment

Chip Chambers – He went to the Springfield Armory for a program and put out fliers. He is supposed to bring a proposal to Encampment for a recruiting program.

Upcoming – There will be a rededication on July 15th of the Monument in Worcester

Secretary will send postcards out for Encampment.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel W Murray, Secretary
Department of Massachusetts

ACCOUNT BALANCES March 31, 2016

Account	Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
General Fund	8,284.63
Savings Account	500.00
Charles F. Ellis Fund	17,289.48
Arnold William Coppenhagen Fund	47,082.26
Margaretha Myers Fund	14,079.13
Robert and Ethel Wood Fund	27,044.52
George C Marshall Fund	13,999.28
Loring Fund	22,530.92
Permanent Fund – 1361 Mayflower CD	28,925.14
Permanent Fund - 6664 Mayflower CD	9,164.78
Permanent Fund – 8241 Mayflower CD	31,513.46
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	**220,413.60**
Investments	
Permanent Fund – Wells Fargo Advisors	628,549.08
TOTAL investments	**628,549.08**
TOTAL ASSETS	**848,263.68**
LIABILITIES	**0.00**
OVERALL TOTAL	**848,263.68**

PROPOSED BUDGET 2016 -2017
4/1/2016 - 3/31/2017

CATEGORY	LY Budget	LY Actual	Unused	2017-17	Notes/Changes
Battle Flag Replicas	**$1,500.00**	**$3,072.46**	**-$1,572.46**	**$0.00**	Remove item
Susquecentennial Events	**$1,000.00**	**$950.00**	**$50.00**	**$1,000.00**	
Butler Ceremony	**$100.00**	**$0.00**	**$100.00**	**$100.00**	
Colors Maintainance & Equipment	**$100.00**	**$0.00**	**$100.00**	**$100.00**	
Depot Rent Expenses	**$1,000.00**	**$1,000.00**	**$0.00**	**$1,000.00**	
Encampment Expenses	**$1,500.00**	**$1,615.11**	**-$115.11**	**$1,500.00**	
Miscellaneous Expense Fund	**$1,000.00**	**$483.05**	**$516.95**	**$1,000.00**	
Officers Meeting Expense	**$1,000.00**	**$439.19**	**$560.81**	**$1,000.00**	
Officers Bonds	**$250.00**	**$247.00**	**$3.00**	**$250.00**	
Officers Travel Expenses					
Dept Commander	*$1,100.00*	*$1,031.64*	*$68.36*	*$1,100.00*	
Dept SVC	*$500.00*	*$500.00*	*$0.00*	*$500.00*	
Dept JVC	*$500.00*	*$224.34*	*$275.66*	*$500.00*	
Dept Sec	*$250.00*	*$250.00*	*$0.00*	*$250.00*	
Dept Treas	*$250.00*	*$250.00*	*$0.00*	*$250.00*	
Dept Chaplain	*$250.00*	*$0.00*	*$250.00*	***$0.00***	Remove Item
Total Dept Officer Officers Travel	**$2,850.00**	**$2,255.98**	**$594.02**	**$2,600.00**	
Secretary Office Expense	**$500.00**	**$469.84**	**$30.16**	**$500.00**	
Treasurer Office Expense					
Annual CPA Expense	*$2,050.00*	*$2,050.00*	*$0.00*	*$2,050.00*	
Office Supplies	*$350.00*	*$315.13*	*$34.87*	*$350.00*	
Tax Form Prep	*$500.00*	*$500.00*	*$0.00*	*$500.00*	
Total Treasurer Office Expense	**$2,900.00**	**$2,865.13**	**$34.87**	**$2,900.00**	
Website Hosting Expense	**$150.00**	**$109.45**	**$40.55**	**$150.00**	
Flag Holders	**$1,500.00**	**$0.00**	**$1,500.00**	**$1,500.00**	
Good of the Order Expenses					
Chelsea Soldiers Home	*$2,500.00*	*$2,464.98*	*$35.02*	*$2,500.00*	
Eagle Scout Awards	*$300.00*	*$185.88*	*$114.12*	*$300.00*	
NERA Hosting	*$200.00*	*$0.00*	*$200.00*	*$200.00*	
Other Good of Order Expense	*$200.00*	*$133.96*	*$66.04*	*$200.00*	
Recruitment	*$500.00*	*$72.50*	*$427.50*	*$500.00*	
Research Geneology	*$200.00*	*$189.00*	*$11.00*	*$200.00*	
ROTC Awards	*$200.00*	*$0.00*	*$200.00*	*$200.00*	
Stone Placement	*$250.00*	*$0.00*	*$250.00*	*$250.00*	
Total Good of the Order Expenses	**$4,350.00**	**$3,046.32**	**$1,303.68**	**$4,350.00**	
Lincoln Brunch Expenses	**$500.00**	**$164.65**	**$335.35**	**$500.00**	
Nat'l Encampment Delegate Travel	**$2,700.00**	**$1,981.80**	**$718.20**	**$2,700.00**	
Remembrance Day Trip	**$2,500.00**	**$2,499.92**	**$0.08**	**$3,000.00**	
Bench at G.A.R. Memorial	$0.00	**$2,840.75**	**-$2,840.75**	**$0.00**	Remove Item
2017 National Encampment Expense	**$3,000.00**	$0.00	**$3,000.00**	**$3,000.00**	Change Item to 2018
Total Expenses	**$28,400.00**	**$24,040.65**	**$4,359.35**	**$27,150.00**	

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August 22, 2015

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To the Board of Directors of
Sons of Union Veterans of the
Civil War Mass Dept
Brentwood, NH 03833-6206

This letter is to confirm our understanding of the terms and objectives of our engagement and the nature and limitations of the services we will provide.

We will perform the following services:

1. We will review the statements of assets, liabilities, and net assets – cash basis of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Mass Dept (a nonprofit organization) as of March 31, 2015, and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and other changes in net assets – cash basis for the year then ended, and issue an accountant's report thereon in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

   The objective of a review is to obtain limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order for the financial statements to be in conformity with the cash basis of accounting.

   You are responsible for:

   a. the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting.

   b. designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

   c. preventing and detecting fraud.

   d. identifying and ensuring that the organization complies with the laws and regulations applicable to its activities.

   e. making all financial records and related information available to us and for the accuracy and completeness of that information.

   f. providing us, at the conclusion of the engagement, with a letter that confirms certain representations made during the review.

   We will conduct our review in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

   A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to your financial data and making inquiries of organization management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. A review does not contemplate obtaining an understanding of the Organization's internal control; assessing fraud risk; testing accounting records by obtaining sufficient appropriate audit evidence through inspection, observation, confirmation, or the examination of source documents (for example, cancelled checks or bank images); or other procedures ordinarily performed in an audit. Accordingly, we will not express an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole.

Our engagement cannot be relied upon to disclose errors, fraud, or illegal acts. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors and of any evidence or information that comes to our attention during the performance of our review procedures that fraud may have occurred. In addition, we will inform you of any evidence or information that comes to our attention during the performance of our review procedures regarding illegal acts that may have occurred, unless they are clearly inconsequential. In addition, we have no responsibility to identify and communicate deficiencies in your internal control as part of this engagement.

If, for any reason, we are unable to complete our review of your financial statements, we will not issue a report on such statements as a result of this engagement.

2. We will prepare the federal Form 990 (Return of Organization Exempt from Federal Income Tax) for Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Mass Dept for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015.

You agree to assume all management responsibilities for the bookkeeping services, tax services, or other nonattest services we provide; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services; and accept responsibility for them.

Mark Mueller is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the report.

We estimate that our fees for these services will not exceed $2,100 for the review and $500 for preparing Federal Form 990.

The fee estimate is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the work performed. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate before we incur the additional costs. Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable on presentation.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us.

Sincerely,

Mark S. Mueller, CPA

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Treasurer

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Date

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE
CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS-CASH BASIS
WITH
INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT
FOR THE YEARS ENDED

MARCH 31, 2015 AND 2014

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE
CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

Sons of Union Veterans of
the Civil War Mass Dept
Brentwood NH, 03833

We have reviewed the accompanying statements of assets, liabilities, and net assets - cash basis of **SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT** (a non-profit organization) as of March 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and other changes in net assets - cash basis for the years then ended. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of organization management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

Our responsibility is to conduct the review in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our report.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with the cash basis of accounting, as described in Note B.

Sincerely,

Mark Mueller

Mark S. Mueller CPA
August 22, 2015

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE
CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS

MARCH 31,

ASSETS

	2015	2014
Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 14,098	$ 13,645
Investments at Fair Market Value	823,090	731,833
Total Assets	$ 837,188	$ 745,478

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	$ 717,732	$ 624,354
Temporarily Restricted	-	1,668
Permanently Restricted	119,456	119,456
Total Net Assets	837,188	745,478
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	$ 837,188	$ 745,478

(See Accompanying Notes and Independent Accountant's Review Report)

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE
CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2015

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanantly Restricted	Total
Revenues:				
Membership Fees	$ 6,226	$ -	$ -	$ 6,226
Donations	-	-	-	-
Dividend and Interest Income	23,960	887	-	24,847
Unrealized Gains on Investments	90,954	-	-	90,954
Total Revenues and Gains	121,140	887	-	122,027
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	2,555	(2,555)	-	-
Total Support, Revenue, and Gains	123,695	(1,668)	-	122,027
Expenses:				
National Membership Fees	7,651	-	-	7,651
Good of the Order	2,612	-	-	2,612
Rememberance Day	3,221	-	-	3,221
Flag Holder Expense	2,998	-	-	2,998
Travel	5,300	-	-	5,300
Equipment Purchase	1,500	-	-	1,500
Meetings	1,257	-	-	1,257
Miscellaneous	1,046	-	-	1,046
Management and General				-
Rent	1,000	-	-	1,000
Insurance	235	-	-	235
Office Expense	947	-	-	947
Professional Fees	2,550	-	-	2,550
Total Expenses	30,317	-	-	30,317
Change in Net Assets	93,378	(1,668)	-	91,710
Net Assets Beginning of Year	624,354	1,668	119,456	745,478
Net Assets End of Year	$ 717,732	$ -	$ 119,456	$ 837,188

(See Accompanying Notes and Independent Accountant's Review Report)

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE
CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2014

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanantly Restricted	Total
Revenues:				
Membership Fees	$ 5,055	$ -	$ -	$ 5,055
Donations	25	-	-	25
Dividend and Interest Income	22,034	887	-	22,921
Unrealized Loss on Investments	(21,917)	-	-	(21,917)
Total Revenues and Gains	5,197	887	-	6,084
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	-	-	-	-
Total Support, Revenue, and Gains	5,197	887	-	6,084
Expenses:				
National Membership Fees	5,660	-	-	5,660
Good of the Order	2,422	-	-	2,422
Rememberance Day	2,500	-	-	2,500
Flag Holder Expense	-	-	-	-
Travel	4,536	-	-	4,536
Equipment Purchase	1,500	-	-	1,500
Meetings	798	-	-	798
Management and General				
Rent	1,000	-	-	1,000
Insurance	235	-	-	235
Office Expense	824	-	-	824
Professional Fees	2,500	-	-	2,500
Total Expenses	22,557	-	-	22,557
Change in Net Assets	(17,360)	887	-	(16,473)
Net Assets Beginning of Year	641,714	781	119,456	761,951
Net Assets End of Year	$ 624,354	$ 1,668	$ 119,456	$ 745,478

(See Accompanying Notes and Independent Accountant's Review Report)

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE
CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED

MARCH 31, 2015 AND 2014

1. Nature of Activities and Significant Accounting Policies

a) Nature of Activities:

The Organization was formed in 1881 and declared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia. The Organization's purpose is to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the men who saved the Union from 1861 to 1865 through preserving and making available for research documents and records pertaining to its members. Other activities include honoring all those who served our country patriotically and teaching patriotism and duties of citizenship.

b) Basis of Presentation:

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the cash basis of accounting; consequently, certain revenues are recognized when received rather than when earned, and certain expenses and purchases of assets are recognized when cash is disbursed rather than when the obligation is incurred. Net assets, revenues, expenses, and gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Organization and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Unrestricted Net Assets - Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met, either by actions of the Organization and/or the passage of time. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Permanently Restricted Net Assets - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the Organization. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the Organization to use all or part of the income earned on any related investments for general or specific purposes.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE
CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED

MARCH 31, 2015 AND 2014

1. Nature of Activities and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

c) Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents consist primarily of demand deposit accounts and certificates of deposit with maturities of 3 months or less. Cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost, which approximates market value.

d) Contributions:

Contributions, including unconditional pledges, are recorded as made. All contributions are available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Pledges are recognized when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets depending on the nature of the restrictions. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets. Contributions of investments are recorded at the fair market value at the date of the gift.

e) Investments:

Investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are valued at their fair market value in the statements of financial position.

f) Income Taxes:

The Organization is exempt from federal tax under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. It is also exempt from state and local income taxes.

On April 1, 2009, the Organization adopted the provisions of FASB ASC-740-10, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes.* FASB ASC-740-10 requires that a tax position be recognized or derecognized based on a 'more-likely-than-not' threshold. This applies to positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The implementation of FASB ASC-740-10 had no impact on the Organization's statement of assets, liabilities, and net assets or statement of revenues, expenses and other changes in net assets. The Organization does not believe its financial statements include (or reflect) any uncertain tax positions.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE
CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED

MARCH 31, 2015 AND 2014

1. Nature of Activities and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

f) Income Taxes (Continued):

The Organization files information returns in the U.S. Federal jurisdiction. With few exceptions, the Organization is no longer subject to U.S. Federal information return examinations by tax authorities for years before 2012.

g) Concentrations of Credit Risk:

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Organization to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash and certificates of deposit. The Organization maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts, the balances of which, at times may exceed federally insured limits. Accounts are guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to $250,000. At March 31, 2015 and 2014, the Organization did not have deposits in excess of FDIC insured limits. The Organization has not experienced any losses in such accounts.

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of the following:

	2015	2014
Cash	$ 14,098	$ 13,645
Total	$ 14,098	$ 13,645

3. Fair Value Measurements:

ASC 820-10-50, *Fair Value Measurements* establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC 820-10-50 are described below:

Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Organization has the ability to access.

3. Fair Value Measurements: (Continued)

Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

Assets at Fair Values as of March 31, 2015.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common Stocks	$ 611,461	$ -	$ -	$ 611,461
Certificates of Deposit	-	211,629	-	211,629
	$ 611,461	$ 211,629	$ -	$ 823,090

The following schedule summarizes the investment return and its classification in the statement of activities.

	March 31, 2015		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Dividend and Interest Income	$ 23,960	$ 887	$ 24,847
Realized Gains and Losses On Investments	-	-	-
Unrealized Gains and Losses On Investments	90,954	-	90,954
	$ 114,914	$ 887	$115,801

3. Fair Value Measurements: (Continued)

Assets at Fair Values as of March 31, 2014.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common Stocks	$ 520,506	$ -	$ -	$ 520,506
Certificates of Deposit	-	211,327	-	211,327
	$ 520,506	$ 211,327	$ -	$ 731,833

The following schedule summarizes the investment return and its classification in the statement of activities.

	March 31, 2014		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Dividend and Interest Income	$ 22,034	$ 887	$ 22,921
Realized Gains and Losses On Investments	-	-	-
Unrealized Gains and Losses On Investments	(21,917)	-	(21,917)
	$ 117	$ 887	$ 1,004

4. Temporarily Restricted Net Assets:

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets are for the following purposes:

	2015	2014
Arnold William Copenhagen Fund Income available to the post for relief work and the decoration of graves of veterans of the Civil War.	$ -	$ 458
Margaretha Myers Fund Income available to provide proper care of lot# 814 Hyacinth, Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Massachusetts.	-	164
Charles F. Ellis Fund Income available to carry on the charitable, benevolent, educational, and patriotic work of Camp 81 including proper observance of Memorial Day, and other patriotic anniversaries.	-	210

4. Temporarily Restricted Net Assets: (Continued)

George C. Marshall Fund
Income available to carry on the charitable, benevolent, educational, and patriotic work of the Camp including the proper observance of Memorial Day and other patriotic anniversaries. - 407

Robert & Ethel Wood Fund
Income available to place a wreath at each Christmas season on the graves of Robert and Ethel Wood, Cedar Grove Cemetery, Lot# 3298 Dorchester, Massachusetts. - 429

$ - $1,668

5. Permanently Restricted Net Assets:

Permanently Restricted Net Assets are for the following purposes:

	2015	2014
Arnold William Copenhagen Fund Investments in perpetuity, income available to the post for relief work and the decaration of graves of veterans of the Civil War.	$ 47,070	$ 47,070
Margaretha Myers Fund Investments in perpetuity, income available to provide proper care of lot# 814 Hyacinth, Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Massachusetts.	14,071	14,071
Charles F. Ellis Fund Investments in perpetuity, income available to carry on the charitable, benevolent, educational, and patriotic work of Camp 81 including proper observance of Memorial Day, and other patriotic anniversaries.	17,284	17,284

5. Permanently Restricted Net Assets: (Continued)

George C. Marshall Fund Investments in perpetuity, income available to carry on the charitable, benevolent, educational,and patriotic work of the Camp including the proper observance of Memorial Day and other patriotic anniversaries.	13,993	13,993
Robert & Ethel Wood Fund Investments in perpetuity income available to place a wreath at each Christmas season on the graves of Robert and Ethel Wood, Cedar Grove Cemetery, Lot# 3298 Dorchester, Massachusetts.	27,038	27,038
	$ 119,456	$ 119,456

6. Evaluation of Subsequent Events

The Organization has evaluated subsequent events through August 22, 2015, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.